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Comments: Attn Heber Wild Horse Territory

I am writing to condemn your plan to both significantly reduce the area for the Heber wild horses and your intention to dramatically cull the heard.

I have spent many years in the area as I lived in Arizona for over thirty years and graduated from NAU. These horses have been a part of both Arizona history and have been a significant part of the fauna of the region since almost forever. You would do much better working to preserve your ponderosa forests which you have been allowing to be razed virtually every year than murdering your sacred wild horse herds.

As a professional painter, sculptor and photographer I believe this herd is of utmost importance to the wild future of Northern Arizona.

I imagine this plan of yours is in reality sponsored by ranchers and hunters who want the Heber area wildlands for only cattle and elk and deer so they can be slaughtered and you will make a few dollars more by permits. There are far greater reasons for protecting our wildlife than simply getting more killing and grazing permits. Thank you for your time.

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