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Comments: I am a third-generation Arizonan with property in the White Mountains, and I often travel through or spend time in Heber. I am keenly aware of the wild horses in this area, as well as their tenuous situation. Like most Americans, I fully support the protection and humane management of our wild equines; therefore, I would like to offer my input regarding the scoping notice for the Heber Wild Horse Territory Management Plan.

As part of a sustainable and ethical management plan, I ask for the following:

- The herd size should exceed the floated 50-100 number and, for the sake of robustness, should be at least 150.
- Culled animals should be turned over to an accredited horse sanctuary, not sent to auction or holding pens for indefinite storage.
- PZP-based fertility control should be used, with risky and cruel ovariectomies banned.
- Animals outside the designated territory should be relocated or rendered sterile via PZP.

Acting with honor, efficacy and wisdom, we can provide these horses a legacy befitting the WFRHBA's intent and the American spirit. We owe them that decency.

Thank you for your consideration.