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Comments: I am vehemently opposed to any removal of the Heber Wild Horses from the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest area. The Forest Service should be protecting the Wild Ones instead of trying to get rid of them! There are 43 thousand acres of land there and that is more than enough for the FEW horses that reside there. A factual count of the horses is required not just a guess or a flyover count. You need to prove how many horses are actually there! In reducing their area have you planned for the public to still visit the horses? If so are restrooms, camping areas, parking, search & amp; rescue, tourist traffic areas all going to be available for the public? There isn't anything more wonderful than to observe the Wild Horses. Cattle fencings all need to be removed so the Horses can get to necessary water and other resources to keep them healthy. Has the Forest Service seen to this? Every wild animal in the area has to have access to all these things also. The Wild Free-Roaming Horses & amp; burros Act of 1971 gives principle land use to the horses and not cattle. Make no mistake the Wild Horses belong to the American people not the locals, not the Forest Service or the BLM! You are to protect them not the cattle industry etc.