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Comments: To Whom it May Concern:
I am writing in regard to the Heber wild horses who are the target of an planned round-up in northern Arizona approximately 150 miles from Phoenix.
These wild horses have been in this area for over 60 years or more, living and grazing with their families, enjoying life....
I don't understand the need for any of these round-ups in our Western states, disrupting their lives, separating the families forever, corralling these beautiful wild horses in pens and in many cases, shipping them out to the unknown. With these round-ups, many of the babies are cruelly separated from their mommas and they end up dying in the midst of the confusion. Stallions are separated from their mares. In summary, these wild horse families are decimated. Not adopting them out to good homes, not sending them to sanctuaries where they would live a good life, not using humane fertility methods and returning these magnificent wild horses to their home ranges???? This is wrong, these horses have been a part of Arizona for a very long time, and I think that their removal is being done for the wrong reason, I.e. replacing them with more cattle for the benefit of the cattle ranchers.... This seems to be the theme for wild horse removal through the West..... Or they are being removed for the purpose of oil and gas exploration and drilling..... Whatever the reason, the government is wrong and should leave our wild horses alone to live in nature, wild and free, as God intended.... Thank you.....