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Comments: Good Morning,

I am completely against rounding up/culling the horses. As a supporter of the Salt River Wild Horses and their Management Group and someone who lives a few miles from the river/Tonto Forest, I can assure you that there are better ways to handle the Heber band. Ways that are humane, kinder, and respectful that will keep the herd healthy and implement birth control. I have seen what happens to the wild horses during round up and afterwards. It is a horrific experience that puts the horses through a high amount of stress, suffering through injury, and a brutal death. The horses that survive the round up are then sold to kill buyers and then they go through more suffering and imaginable death. The US Forest Service can pretend the culling will be done in a humane manner and the horses will be adopted out, well some of them, although the reality is they will all eventually be bought by a kill buyer. Even the adopted ones and they will be sold to inexperienced people or owners that will use them to make money at the Mustang Contests and then killed down the line.

The US Forestry and Heber Law Enforcement haven't found the criminals that killed many horses over the last two years. I haven't been to Heber in a while, although with this track record it is safe to say that the US Forestry and Law Enforcement are completely fine with criminals getting away with murder and roaming around with bragging rights and the easy way out of their bungle and mismanagement is to cull the horses. I find that just as heinous and despicable as the men who have murdered them. These are wild horses who have been born in the forests and deserts of Arizona. I am beyond disgusted and horrified that the Arizona government continues to side with the ranchers and 1% that have put them into office and pulls their purse strings. That is also criminal. You can do better. You were hired and voted into office to do a job. It wasn't to give way to one group. It also wasn't to murder innocent wild animals out of laziness and greed. Our world is getting worse by the minute. Be decent human beings and leave these horses alone --- and find those shooters who have killed them just for sport. They are the ones that need to be taken away.

Thank you.