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Comments: To whom it may concern,

the proposal put forward to "manage" the wild horse herd (Heber Wild Horse Territory Plan #18916) is an irresponsible choice based on prejudice about the impact of horses on the land. A variety of animals in the ecosystem provides balance and improved viability for the whole system. Horses clip grass, encouraging new growth, and lowering the amount of dry, dead grass tops as fuel for fires. They roam, so they do not over graze. While living in an area, their manure enriches the soil over time. Limiting their number to the tiny amount in this area will limit their genetic diversity and lead to attrition and gradual disappearance. Managing a wild ecosystem is best left to nature except in extreme cases, of which this is not one. Stop this senseless waste of time and taxpayer money and let nature alone.