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Comments: I'm deeply concerned not only of the random shootings of the Heber herd in recent months but the plan to remove them. Here are my top five concerns:

1. What is the science-based rationale used for allocating forage and habitat resources to various uses with the constraints of protecting rangeland health and various specials given the multi-use land mandated?
2. How are the AMLs for the wild horses established?
3. Was there a scientific study to determine genetic diversity for a healthy self-sustaining herd over the long run? Please provide details.
4. How many cows are permitted to graze within the area annually? What impact do the cows have?
5. What are the economic impacts caused by tourism loss?

It's my understanding that around 300 horses or less are in this herd roaming on over 600,000 acres and I strongly encourage the USFS to find a plan to keep them safe and on their home-land. If the concern is population increase then perhaps PZP is a solution.

Thank you.