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Comments: Just like any animal there has to be set boundaries.

In the 70 these wild horses were removed from the area between Show Low, Heber and Taylor Arizona. Removed from the Apache Sitgreaves National Forest. This was done by Forestry and local ranchers and community members.

Until the Rodeo Chediski fire there was few to none wild horse on the Apache Sitgreaves National Forest. When the fences burned down and left down along the boundary's of the Apache Reservation and Apache Sitgreaves National Forest, this left areas open for wild horses to roam where ever they wanted. Months and years later when the fences were put back up, there was no assurance to put the wild horses back on the reservation.

This has caused the increase of wild horses in these areas. This same thing has happen in the area of Los Burros an San Juan Mountain area. Wild horses now roam this area due to the San Juan fire and fences being burned down. Months and years later they were replaced after the wild horses crossed boundary lines. This area never had wild horses there until San Juan Fire.

With the shutting down of horse slaughter houses. American have no place for disposal of older horses.
With the cost of feeding and caring for horses have this caused people to turn them out on the National Forest.
I know of a horse 18 years old purchased by a couple in Heber, they paid $2,000
dollars for this animal. Kind of interesting.

Ranchers can only leave cattle in pastures for a certain time frame. Elk and Deer or managed also. Just like other animal horses need to be managed (wild or domestic) on National Forest Land, State Land or Reservation Land.)

I have lived in this white mountain area for over 50 years.
YES i come from a ranch, hunting, camping,family enjoying all that Apache Sitgreaves National Forest offers. I have never seen the amount of horses on the Apache Sitgreaves National Forest as they currently our.
YES I loves horses and know just like everything, there is a time limit.