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Comments: My family and I are writing to comment on the Apache-Sitgreaves Forest Service Scoping Document pertaining to the development of a Territory Plan for Heber wild horses and to make sure that the horses are fully cared for.

In particular we ask you to consider our points below:

- Please have no defining boundary fence for the Heber Territory.
- Please make sure that horses can continue to ingress and egress from the boundaries of the Heber Territory onto adjacent US Forest Service lands on the Black Mesa Ranger District (BMRD).
- Horses were on the BMRD prior to 1971 and should be able to continue to use this area.
- The FS cannot remove any wild horses until they are proven "excess" by the law.

Managing by setting a number of 104 wild horses is illegal and not in compliance with the definition of "excess." FS cannot set arbitrary numbers of horses in the territory.

- We do not support giving birth control (PZP) but request the law is followed by supporting the phrase in the law, management should be "minimal feasible management." PZP is an endocrine disrupter and causes permanent sterility within four years and not seven as stated by the drug producers. It is intrusive management which is not in compliance with the law.

- Most importantly, we believe that wild horses have a "right" to their territory whereas livestock have only a "privilege."

Thank you for your attention to our comments.