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Comments: What do you plan to do with the horses you remove from OUR Public Trust land?

By law, the USFS may not destroy healthy horses or sell them for slaughter. The USFS must create a system for placing and tracking all horses removed from the Territory.

The AmL is based on the inequitable allocation of public forage resources to privately owned livestock. The EA must analyze and designate an alternative to expand the AML to a minimum of 200 horses and provide a scientific rationale for the number, including full disclosure of the resource allocation between livestock and wild horses on which the AML is based.

Better yet, get all the damn livestock off OUR land. We want our horses and other wildlife, not livestock, making private profits at our expense.

Use humane fertility control to stabilize the Heber wild horse population and reduce it humanely over time. Reject use of surgical sterilization as a management tool.

The National Academy of Sciences (2013) advised that inhumane surgeries to remove the ovaries of mares are "inadvisable for field application" in wild horses due to risk bleeding and infection. The BLM must drop this alternative from consideration. In addition, the BLM has no proven studies or data to show that the use of castration as a management tool helps to actually stabilize wild horse populations. The NAS also advised that castration of stallions will cause loss of testosterone and consequent reduction in or complete loss of male-type behaviors necessary for maintenance of social organization, band integrity, and expression of natural behavior repertoire." As a result, the USFS should drop surgical sterilization from consideration as an alternative for consideration as a population management tool.

The current boundaries of the Territory do not accurately reflect the habitat area for these federally-protected horses, resulting in many horses being designated as "outside the Territory." This is the result of an administrative error in the drawing of the Territory boundary, and can be corrected through an administrative process concurrent with development of a new territory plan.

Protocols must be put in place for housing, care, placement and tracking of all horses removed from the Territory.