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Comments: As an individual stake holder, not a member of any group, I would like to address my comments focused primarily on the Lower Salt River area. Most of these comments focus on the horse herd and the vegetation.

I would like to see healthy horses and vegetation. I support a lower herd size with continued use of PZP after the initial reduction. This herd is extremely well-known and the adoption should be relatively easy. (I suggest a partnership with a group or individuals in addition to the current third party contractor.)

In addition, I would like to see supplemental feeding stopped except in extreme cases. And the removal to re-home any horses that have a low body score.

This should ease some of the pressure on the vegetation.

The areas of vegetation great concern include the longer-term supplemental feeding sites. The 2.2 area and the area behind the Salt River Wild Horse Management property. The former mentioned is completely denuded. They have even put in a road to drive the feed down to the horses. It is extremely disheartening to see that is has been allowed to happen. I would like to see the third party contractor held responsible for re-vegetation of this area. They continued to feed and water for months after they were to stop and move the horses down to the river.

In addition to the above mentioned, I would like to see a reduction of the speed limit on Bush Highway. (I know this isn't a FS mandate, but it impacts the area).