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Comments: I am a children's author who wrote about the wild horses, and how they have been treated. It appals me that this fight for their basic right to live is still going on. Public lands are for the public, and not for ranchers. The land has been given over to ranchers for their cattle, and as a result, the wild horses and burros that roam the area are seen as pests. I would say that it is the opposite. Not only do cattle contribute to greenhouse gases, there is no reason at all why preference should be given to private interests versus the interests of living things to be allowed to simply live. I do not agree with the birth control that has been forced upon the wild herds, nor do I think it right or just that the herds must be continually winnowed down. To me, it is a brazen attempt to make it harder and harder for them to survive, without the BLM actually coming out and killing them (as they so notoriously did in the past). We are seeing the horrifying results of placing private interests, in this case, the ranching industry, above the common good. I think it is shameful, and that the BLM has a responsibility to be caretakers of the land, and not lackeys to industry. It is in everyone's best interest to preserve balance, and to allow wild creatures the right to live freely. To promote these legislative changes as anything but self-serving is dishonest and not in the public good.