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Comments: Thank you for this opportunity to comment.  I feel very strongly about protecting all wild horse herds and want to express my concern regarding management of the Heber Wild Horse Territory.  The following are points I would like to make:
1)There should be no defining boundary fence for the Heber Territory.
Horses can continue to come and go 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.

2) The Forest Service 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." Forest Service, therefore, cannot set arbitrary numbers of horses in the territory.

3) I do not endorse or 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.

4)  Wild horses have a lawful right to this territory unlike livestock which use it only under (hopefully) careful monitoring and fair market costs.