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Comments: Dear Tonto Nation Forest Supervisor:

The Salt River horses are an asset to the state of AZ. Many people come to visit AZ and fall in love with them. I am writing in response to the request for public participation on the Tonto National Forest Land Management Plan. I would like to suggest the following changes to the forest services desired conditions for our Salt River Horses. This is to make them consistent with the intent of the state law which protects the horses in their historic habitat along the Lower Salt River.

The Forest Service shall prioritize minimizing user conflicts in these areas. Uses of the forest in areas that comprise the Salt River Horses herd habitat should not negatively impact or conflict with the protection of the horses.

Any Forest Service action in the forest that could cause detrimental impact to the Salt River horses herd or habitat areas, even those action that fall under Categorical Exclusion under NEPA, shall be publicly disclosed and analyzed in consultation with the Arizona Department of Agriculture and their third party contractor. Such actions include, but are not limited to, herbicide use, fence maintenance, and construction.

The Forest Service shall provide 30 day's notice for any activity or project that may impact the cherished Salt River Horse herd or habitat areas.

Thank you.