Data Submitted (UTC 11): 3/12/2020 1:40:08 PM First name: Rebecca Last name: Knox Organization:

Title:

Comments: As a horse enthusiast in college, I was thrilled when President Nixon signed into law the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act. My dream was to one day go out west to experience their presence in person. My friend and I made that dream come true in later years and she decided to remain out west, while I returned home. She now lives in Nevada with her husband and horses near The Pine Nuts and the wild horses out there, where they are also advocating for "their" wild horses.

When determining courses of actions regarding the wild horses, in this case, the boundaries, what we both have found lacking in governmental transparency is the scientific reporting of studies and surveys and other assessments when making decisions.

The WH&B Act of 1971 states "all areas" where they free-roam, including migratory patterns and habitat needs. Those areas are essential for their identity. Fencing them into a small area is forcing them into a contrived space that now you have to decide how many the forest can sustain.

Why do you feel it is necessary to "fence them in"?

Do you remember a song called "Don't Fence Me In"? Well that will soon become their swan song, if you get my meaning.

Please reconsider your determination that their must be limited, fenced "boundaries" for our free-roaming wild horses.