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Comments: I'm a firm believer in unbiased research. I believe that ecological impact research should be done in a non-biased fashion from research centers that do not have ties to cattle or sheep. Ecological impact data from cattle, wild horses, and sheep would help in decision making regarding grazing allotment and wild horse numbers.

For the Heber herd, a true headcount needs to be done to verify the actual number of animals. Smaller herds shouldn't be subjected to birth control, as their gene pools are small to begin with. If it is needed, PzP should be the way to go. The other invasive options shouldn't be options at all, given low survival rates and being considered cruel.

In other areas, wild horse advocacy groups are working in tandem with the BLM and forest service to manage their beloved horses, and the results have been positive. The Heber wild horses should be given the same opportunity. Advocates and volunteers who WANT to see the horses flourish and who WANT to manage them when needed, should be given the opportunity to help. Other groups volunteer to do birth control darting, fencing, and even moving the herds away from public areas if they become an issue. The Heber horses should be given the same treatment.