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Comments: I am submitting this via mail, but will reproduce my letter here.

I would like to be considered an opponent of the proposed initiative to destroy our wild horses. A law was passed a long time ago to federally protect them from harm, and to do nothing about the fact that they are currently being murdered in the forest is a violation of that law. I suspect the people responsible are being protected by our law enforcement. They have received plenty of evidence to make a conviction and nothing is being done. The person/people responsible are also endangering human lives and to be allowed to continue, will likely result in them harming another person.

This proposal seems to be an effort to exonerate people who are engaging in criminal acts for the sake of the "good old boy" network. If that is what is driving the decision making of the forest service and sheriff's department, they should not be allowed to continue to hold onto their jobs. That is sheer incompetence. The people you serve have a right for their input. You are not supposed to cater to ranchers at the expense of the rest of us, and in opposition to the law.

I want to attend any public meeting involving this issue. The ranchers don't speak for anyone but themselves.