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I value the presence of the Heber Wild Horses on their federally designated territory-- as protected and directed in 1974 by the Wild Free Roaming Horses & Burros Act (WFRH&BA) of 1971. I also want to protect my right to view and enjoy these wild horses on my public lands and forests. I do not support increasing tax subsidized livestock grazing on this public land and forests. And especially within federally designated wild horse territories. The U.S. Forest Service wants to banish most wild horses out and off their own land and allow several hundred head of livestock to monopolize the Heber Wild Horse Territory.

**The USFS must follow the Wild Free Roaming Horses & Burros Act directive to make sure the HEBER Wild Horse Territory is principally designated to the horses and allow at least 50% of forage to be allocated to the wild horses--on their rightful lands.

** Again, the USFS management plan must follow the WFRH&BA and maintain the natural behaviors of wild horses. The National Academy of Sciences has noted that imbalanced ratios of males to females will result in stallion aggression. Permanent sterilization tactics, castration and ovariectomy wiil interfere with normal hormonal levels and cause drastic behavior changes in horses. Suggested management of horses numbers outside the territory should use the more humane and reversible PZP treatments (volunteer help is available at no cost to taxpayers) and relocations rather than removals of horses. Wildfires will likely continue to be very real threats in this area, as they have in the past. Removals are not warranted in such conditions. Wild horse life cycles can be normal -that is to live and die on public lands' territory in accordance with federal law.

** The USFS management plan should include removal of fencing which inhumanely obstructs and prevents HEBER horses from freely moving on their territory to reach water and forage and escape dangers.

**The USFS management plan must follow the Bureau of Land Management's Wild Horse & Burro Handbook guidelines that say herd levels of at least 150 horses are required to promote at least 50 breeding pairs.