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Comments: I just finished reading the wild horse act from 1971. Wow the Secretaries have a lot more authority and can do way more than they have been doing to help the situation.
Now for the input.
In 1995 the heard was noted as two mares. No where in the the Act does it say anything about the herd dying off. And in that case what would happen. No horse herd no territy. All the current horses on the ASNF are and should be considered stray livestock. Under the act they are to be removed. The Heber herd was doomed from its establishment. NOt enough horses to ensure genetic diversity. Remove the strays and do not transplant other horses to this area. The area is not large enough to sustain a genetic divers population. The BLM and forest service already are overrun with rightfully protected horses in other areas. The secretary needs to allow shooting of excess animals to remove the. The Heber herd is gone. Dead. So it is not protected under the act.
I am not a rancher or associated with any organization. I have horses in my back yard and enjoy them a ton. The forest service should have taken care of its non protected herd of strays in the late nineties.
Thanks