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Comments: Attn: Heber Wild Horse Territory

Dear Madams and Sirs,

I am writing in opposition to the proposed plan to reduce the number of horses in the Heber Wild Horse Herd and to also oppose the severe reduction of the Heber Wild Horse Territory lands for this free roaming herd.

As an author and journalist specializing in the horse industry, the feasibility of this plan is untenable for a vibrant continuation of this unique wild horse herd, distinguished by physical characteristics and bloodlines. All U.S. citizens are co-owners of the national treasure these horses represent and the range that they roam is a birthright that all US citizens to have rights to preserve in a manner that truly serves these animals, as opposed to the limited interests of mineral to mining, to cattle grazing operations.

I request immediate halt to any further action on this intended action and for research from 5 university equine programs to be conducted on the herd. I urge you to utilize the darting to limit size of herd growth.

At this juncture in world history and human evolution is it critical that we preserve these icons of the American West to inspire humanity and preserve the unique genealogy that runs through the veins of each individual in the Heber Wild Horse herd. Thank you.