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RE: Heber Wild Horses

It has come to my attention that the Forest Service wants to remove 400 horses from the forest and leave approximately 100 horses in the forest. WHY? These horses have been there for years and hurt NO ONE. They like their peace and quiet and families and now the Forest Service wants to remove all these beloved horses that the public and visitors love.

And where will the horses go? To slaughter? Of course, that's what the government always does. Sends beautiful horses to horrifying death so the meat can be sent to France or some other country. What the heck! Leave these horses alone and let them enjoy their peace and quiet in the forests where we all love to see them running wild and FREE!!!

I am so fed up with the Forest Service and BLM wanting to eradicate wild horses and give the land to cattle ranchers and money people. Slaughter is not the answer. Why not use PZP and let the public take care of horses like other wild herds are being taken GOOD CARE of with the government not interfering. It is so sad that our government thinks so little of these amazing horses. To see them run wild is a joy to the heart. Where is the Forest Service's heart? H'mmmm!

The horses have not hurt anybody. The horses are the ones being shot at by some idiot that the Forest Service hasn't done a thing about even with a letter from David Baker.

I know there are many people in the area that do NOT want these horses destroyed and they want them to remain on forest land. They do no damage like cattle do. This is just another ploy by the Forest Service to destroy a beautiful animal that means so much to the people and visitors that love seeing the horses. SLAUGHTER IS NOT THE ANSWER.

I would like an answer to my letter. Let's work together on a better solution like other herd management areas have done tremendous work in SAVING OUR HORSES. Let's not let them become extinct!