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Comments: ATTENTION: Heber Wild Horse Territory

Thank you for the opportunity to make comments on this proposal for the Heber Horse Territory. I hope these brief comments will be meaningful.

First, I appreciate and thank you for the many hours involved in preparing this document. The history of the territory and background of where and how these present day horses came into being set the stage in making the proper decision for the Horse Territory Plan.

As stated in the document, the Heber Horse Territory came into existence under the Wild Horse and Burrow Act. Therefore, this "TERRITORY" was and is declared and designated for horses and burrows, not the entire forest from Show Low to Forest Lakes. EVERY PERSON IN ALL PARTIES INVOLVED NEEDS TO ACCEPT THIS FACT AND MOVE FORWARD.

In order for the Forest Service to be in compliance with the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) the Lakeside and Black Mesa Districts were mandated to conduct Environmental Assessment or Analysis (EA's) on the Railroad, Town Tank, Claysprings and Willow Wash Allotments (which had been done years ago). These Allotments have nothing to do with or have any connection to the "Horse Territory", therefore these horses were and are not part of this Analysis. Horses that are currently within these allotments should be humanely removed so the Forest Service is operating these Allotments within NEPA.

No plan for the management of horses within the Horse Territory was ever determined until now. I concur with the Forest Services decision to manage 50-104 horses within the designated territory and the closely surrounding areas.

I also recommended the horse advocate group be involved in and part of the monitoring plan and the future.