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Comments: I am an Arizona citizen and opposed to the roundup of the Heber wild horse herd.

Horses do not destroy the land - cattle do. livestock graze on public land at taxpayers expense. Privately owned cattle and sheep are allocated 82% of forage compared to 18% for legally protected horses.

Existing fences also prevent many of the Heber horses from even accessing the designated areas. The horses are not hoarding water. Pictures have been taken and captured wild horses and elk peacefully drinking from the tanks together. There was no hoarding or guarding by any animals in the phot.

The Heber horse population has remained consistent from 2005 to present according to the Forest Service. This is without culls.

The most humane and effective management of the wild horses population is a responsible way. Fertility control (PZP) should be utilized to ensue proper levels of wild horse population. Let trained personnel administer PZP. Sterilization should not be considered as it would deplete the wild horse population.

PROMOTE THE HUMANE AND RESPONSIBLE TREATMENT of our HEBER HORSES. Let them live their lives peacefully on Forest Service land (public) where they can roam with their families and be WILD AND FREE.

Wild horses are majestic and living reminders of the rugged independence unique to the western ways of life. They must be ?? for humanely. Every horse deserves to age gracefully.