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Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have lived In the beautiful state of Arizona for sixteen {{16) years and have been so blessed to see the wild horses !n the Apache/Sltgreaves and Tonto forests.

These magnificent wild horses are a beautiful part of our national heritage and an Important part of our state history, and therefore should be treated accordingly.

I find the reduction and removal of horses for the expansion of cattle grazing rights to be abhorrent.

My fear with these plans involve the inhumane and barbaric treatment of these horses. The methods of removal kills horses. The recent Eagle roundup in Utah this month resulted In the death of twenty-four (24}} horses. The disposal of any animal Is deplorable.

The Contractors removing horses need to be thoroughly investigated concentrating on their background/experience/track record with a detail review of the number of deaths and injuries of horses In their previous operations.

There must be a guarantee that no horses are sold to slaughterhouses or to companies that will export them to countries for consumption

The Forest Service needs to make regular inspections of properties checking on adopted/fostered horses confirmlng the premises are acceptable and the horses ace healthy.

The reduction of horse population and territory is so traumatic {{and in my opinion uncalled for) to the herds that every effort must be applied to make the process less stressful.

I would like to thank you for reviewing my comments and implore you to be careful with our precious treasures.

Sincerely,