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Comments: For Slater Turner, District Ranger, Lookout Mountain Ranger District, 3106 NE 3rd Street, Prineville, OR 97754.

Dear Ranger Turner, it is the public's understanding that the horse herd population at Oregon's Big Summit has remained relatively static at 130 horses for many years. Therefore, it would follow that the resources of the area have supported that population, and I am asking that your AML not be set below that number-- that is 130 horses. I also ask that you use PZP if you wish to control the population number. Do not undertake field sterilizations or any form of surgical sterilization. Do not remove the mares' or the stallions' reproductive organs. This is no longer necessary when working with a good plan for the use of PZP.

Apparently your proposed management plan only considered 4,900 acres, the winter range for the horses, instead of the full 25,434 acres of their territory. As an American citizen member of the interested public, please consider all of their territory as contributing to the resources available to the wild horses.

In addition, please do not blame the wild horses for resource detriment when it is understood by the public that there were 100 years of logging interests and in addition the grazing animals of ranchers, and now human ATV usage in this territory used by the wild horses.

Please protect the wild horses as they live in this territory, and do not seek to remove them. They are desired to remain by members of the American public, myself among that number. They are icons of the freedom and independence of the American people, and we are proud to have the Ochoco herd in their homeland in the Big Summit Wild Horse Territory.