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Comments: I am opposed to the current proposal to choose Alternative 2 in managment of the Ochoco Wild Horses. I am also against Alternative 1 and would like to see Alternative 3 implemented. The following evaluations would generate a more holistic view of the role wild horses play in the region: 1) An evaluation of forage selected by wild horses over other species in the region, 2) fire suppression role horse play based on the forage they select, 3) reseeding of native plants in horse manure due to their simple digestive system that supports reseeding, unlike sheep, deer, elk or any other ruminants who's dual digestive system prevents this, 4) role wild horses play in representing larger animals on the land, such as Elk and Bison which most likely roamed that region in far larger numbers than the horses of today do, 5) environmental impact from the predator removal program. Please reconsider your proposal selection for Alternative 3 and adjust the number of wild horses to an AML of 150- 200. Thank you.