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Comments: I am writing to oppose "Alternative 2" of the Forest Service's proposed Ochoco Wild Horse Herd Management Plan EA, as it is a recipe for the destruction of this herd. These horses have steadily maintained their numbers at about 130 individuals year after year, with no resource damage to the public land they inhabit. The Appropriate Management Level should be raised to at least 150 horses, with humane, reversible fertility control as needed. Under no circumstances is it acceptable to put these horses through brutal surgical sterilization, which is extremely painful and sometimes fatal.

Thank you for time and consideration. I hope that I can count on the U.S. Forestry Service to protect these beautiful, sentient beings.