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Comments: Having lived in Arizona for years, I thoroughly enjoyed spending time in the National Forests visiting the Heber as well as the Salt River wild horses. When I go into nature on our public lands, do I want to see grazing cattle or wildlife? I think the vast majority of the population chooses and expects wildlife. Cattle grazing should NEVER be given consideration when it comes to wildlife on our public lands.

As such, I disagree with the report:

1. The boundaries of the Heber wild horse territory as presented in the report is arbitrary and incorrect. These horses frequently enter the Indian Reservation to the south as well as areas outside of the reported boundaries in the National Forests.
2. As such, numbers related to the amount of horses that can be sustained are incorrect.
3. Decimating the population down to a low number of 50 would greatly increase inbreeding and make the health of the population unsustainable.

What I suggest:

1. Keep the population at the current number.
2. Use PZP to control growth and keep the population number at the same level going forward.
3. Avoid stressful round ups that ultimately cost the tax payer (and eat up a large portion of the BLM's annual budget, restricting BLM operations where needed).

Thank you,

Jorn