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Comments: I respectfully ask why all new proposed water Tanks are in fenced off cattle lease areas that wild horse have very little access to and then for limited short term use when cattle aren't using it!

As a taxpayer I object to this welfare ranching subsidizing we the people.

50-104 horses left? That is not a genetically viable number as you very well know. That you propose it as such insults our intelligence and causes me to question yours.

Culling and disposal of excess or nuisance horses is a human management proposal? Your kidding right? In what way is culling managing? With over 60% of this HMA already fenced and in private livestock graze leases it would seem to me the cattle need to be managed and reduced. Cattle cause massive environmental degradation and introduces large numbers and varieties of weeds. As a former cattle rancher and Hay farmer we never put our cattle out to graze our hay fields after harvest for just that reason. I know the damage cattle do to stream banks beds springs ponds! We had to fence them out from sensitive areas. Whereas our horse herds did very little damage if any!

All cattle guards need to be horse safe older replaced or upgraded ASAP not if needed or determined. What determines need a horse breaking a leg in one or dying trapped horribly suffering.

Do you use the same protocol in cattle in the HMA as you do on the Horse?

Helicopter gathers are always cruel inhuman stressful and lead to injuries exhaustion death. Mares and foals get separated, older, sick, injured & heavily pregnant mares are abort are run to exhaustion, further injury and pregnant mares abort before term. There are more humane ways to gather for use of darting contraceptives. We proper use of darting mares nor reason for culling!

Why is Surgical sterilization of mares on the table for consideration at all? It is a grossly invasive painful process with high risk of infection and death! Most equine veterinarians due not support this in any way, even for Domestic tame mare that can as be handled and cared fir after such an invasive procedure. To even consider it on a wild mare is Barbaric!

While many of your protocols are indeed humane & progressive You fail to adequately justify the need for a culling in the first place, which should only ever be used as last resort if all other methods have been used fully and realistic population numbers not non viable population numbers can't be reached. Cull the cattle first! Long term holding should never be a solution not only is it not cost effective it's cruel in humane. Horse are not meant to live In Small over crowded dirty holding pens. We already have over 60,000 and counting in long term holding where they will die long before their time due to the conditions! Yes I've seen those places and those sad depressed dirty horse standing in manure

The Heber Horses are loved and well known. Folks travel across the country and from out of country to view our wild horses, please don't mismanage them to extinction like the BLM continues to do.

Thank you

Sincerely Keri Farmer/Rancher Mustang owner(rescued from killpens)