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Comments: As there are no specifics given related to the details of this plan, my comments will focus on the necessity of humane and ethical treatment of wild horses. I am adamantly opposed to the roundup, holding, and sale of wild horses.

There is no scientific evidence that wild horse populations damage the environment. In fact, it's proven that grazing animals actually benefit it. The issue is one of money - wild horses compete with livestock for resources, and horses don't pay a grazing fee.

It's crucial that wild horse advocates, wildlife biologists and others with significant experience on this issue be consulted about this plan. To often, those voices with a stake in the removal of the horses (ranchers and politicians) carry the most weight.

Federal Law protects wild horses and burros and it's our duty as compassionate and ethical citizens to ensure their survival and humane treatment.