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Comments: Your Forest Service districts should reconsider plans to disrupt and thereby harm the family bands of horses designated as the Heber Horses, as public sentiment matters far more than has been respected in the past. The fact that wild horses live in the forest near Heber and Overgard is an asset to those communities, as they harbor what is becoming a rarity in the southwest, a population of America's horses, descendants of those who figured hugely in our history. If anything, they should be far more greatly protected instead of being left vulnerable to criminal human predation for whatever reason those instances occur. If as an experiment, it was tried that these beautiful animals were treated as not only forest residents of long-standing, but as an idea - that tradition matters - and in the west, horses are part of our history, our tradition, and our consciousness. It would be greatly appreciated if that would be acknowledged by the Forest Service. I would like to have compassion enter into your decision-making. And, actually be more powerful a motivator than the other forces at play in this decision you are making. The government reputation for heartlessness about wild horses does not have to be perpetrated at all costs. Please try a new and better way.