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Comments: As a property owner and taxpayer in Navajo County, I am strongly against the plan to remove and sterilize the Heber horse population as stipulated in the draft environmental assessment (EA) and draft territory management plan (TMP) for the Heber Wild Horse Territory Management Plan Project. My property directly backs onto the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest and I have the pleasure of observing the horses along with other animals in the forest. I also spend countless hours recreating in the forest. In my numerous observations, the use of forest land to feed cattle the driving reason for projected environmental impacts and the use of forest land to subsidize cattle feeding is a misuse of government resources. The economic impact of the Heber horse population has also not been considered. The horse population brings thousands of visitors to Navajo county and results in financial benefits including rental housing, retail shopping, food shopping, etc not considered as part of the estimated impact. Please stop this plan and the assumptions behind it. -Marc A.