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Comments: I understand that the Forest Service plans to cull the Heber wild horses of the Sitgreaves National Forest in eastern Arizona. The plan sets the AML extremely low at just 50-104 wild horses on 19,700 acres. Even at high AML, that's one horse for every 394 acres! This range is far too low to maintain a self-sustaining, genetically viable population of wild horses in the Territory.
I vigorously object to this plan and ask you to go back to the drawing board and do better. Wild horses are an iconic part of America, and deserve to live in peace without human interference. Your plan to exterminate them in order to allow more cattle grazing - on our public lands - is short-sighted and wrong. It comes at a time when more people are moving to plant-based options and realizing that cattle and other livestock create massive greenhouse gas emissions that are warming our climate, as well as degrading our wild lands. Please revisit this plan to accommodate and protect our wild horses. Thank you.