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Comments: I strongly oppose the US Forest Services Territory Management Plan regarding the Heber Wild Horses. Not only has this herd been the target of senseless shootings over the last three years, but now the agency charged with their protection is planning for mass removal. The range proposed is far too low to maintain a self-sustaining, genetically viable population of wild horses in the Territory. The last population survey in the Territory found that many of the horses were outside of the Territory boundary. Instead of immediate removal, the Forest Service should make every effort to relocate those horses within the boundary. Additionally, the Forest Service must adjust livestock use in the Territory in order to give wild horses their fair share of the resource. Finally, the Heber wild horses have been the target of illegal hunting since 2018. The Forest Service must work harder to protect these federally protected wild horses from harm and to find the person(s) responsible.