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Comments: Heber Wild Horse Territory Plan. The plan sets the number of horses to be left on this range extremely low. It is not genetically viable for a wild horse population living on this land. Horse numbers are about 600 animals while cattle numbers are about 5,730 animals. Horses should be allotted more grazing space. This is not balanced.... horses allotment to cattle allotment. The last horse population survey in the Territory found that many of the horses were outside the territory boundary. Instead of immediate removal, the Forest Service should make every effort to place these horses inside the boundary. The plan provides for fertility control but the use of these options on such a small number of horses left in this herd will impact the health of said herd. PZP has a proven efficacy and should be used as the preferred method. IUD's are inhumane and should not be used in wild horses. Any removals if necessary should be done over time and through baiting and the animals should meet adoption demand. Finally, the Heber wild horses have been a illegally hunted and killed since 2018. The Forest Service must work harder to protect these federally protected horses from any harm and to find and prosecute the person or persons responsible.

Thank you.