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Comments: I am writing in regard to the Heber Wild Horse Territory Plan. I am requesting that the BLM continue and expand the partnership with the Wild Horses of America Foundation to manage the horses effectively and humanely on the range with the PZP fertility control vaccine. This approach is in line with the 2013 National Academy of Sciences (NAS) report, which provided a roadmap for the BLM to stop costly and inhumane roundups and removals and move forward with a scientific approach to wild horses.

Rather than spend millions to remove horses from public lands, the BLM could adjust the appropriate management level system that it uses to justify roundups and base its numbers on science rather than the private interests of the livestock industry. The government also could compensate ranchers to reduce their herd sizes or remove some of their animals. These are public lands after all.

Everything is not all about money and power. These horses are living symbols of the historic and pioneer spirit of the West. They should be cherished now and for future generations.

Sincerely, Linda Bashaw