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Comments: Comments to consider for the Heber Wild Horse Territory Management Plan. In reference to Page 9: There should be NO permitted livestock grazing within the Heber Wild Horse Territory. The horses deserve their fair share of land and resources. As a taxpayer, it is my position that the cattle allotments are prohibited and cattle removed, as well as the livestock fencing that impedes the movement of the wild horses within their rightful Territory.

Page 22; Appendix D: Sterilization techniques should never be used on wild horses. Upon gather they are already frightened and flighty. Sterilization is extremely invasive and has too many risk factors and complications such as infection, bleeding, etc. As a taxpayer I do not want this method performed on our wild horses.

Page 39: Capture Technique: item a) Use of helicopters needs to be removed. It is an invasive technique that causes flighty behavior and injury; separation of foals and band individuals. As a taxpayer I do not want my tax dollars spent using helicopters to roundup our wild horses.

Page 40: I do not want the use of helicopter drive trapping. If a horse is already suffering from illness, dehydration, starvation then chasing them with a helicopter would make matters worse. The compromised health of the animal needs to be addressed and tended to without a helicopter roundup - which would compound the severity of their condition.

Page 43: 3. Trap Site, item a) All wild horses in confinement should be observed twice a day, at least. Each morning and each evening/night. Observance of only once a day allows too much time in between where an animal would suffer. Ideally, 3-times a day would be the preferred approach; ex: early morning, afternoon, evening/night.

Page 44: Handling Aids: item 2) Electric prods should never be used on our wild horses. They are too invasive and there is no justification means, in my opinion, to inflict such a device on them. Item 2.a) Electric prods should not be used even one time. The device is too invasive, frightening, and painful. This "handling aid" should be removed.

Page 45: Transportation: General, item 4) The total transportation time not to exceed 10 hours is a long time. This needs an amendment to include mandatory wellness check at least every two hours during transport. Waiting ten hours is too long to identify undesirable conditions/complications and too long for an animal to languish in agony. In addition, a veterinarian should be present during transport. As a taxpayer I would approve my tax dollars being spent for this additional oversight to further help ensure the well being of our wild horses.

Page 46: item 1.a) If a horse is blind in both eyes or severely injured immediate veterinarian care should be administered at the temporary holding facility and not transported, which would compound their suffering. item 1.b) Horses weak and debilitated should receive immediate care at the hold facility - not transported. Horses that are too sick, severely injured, starving, etc. should not have to endure the added agony on top of their condition.

Page 48/49 Appendix D: In reference to Table 8 - I am firmly against sterilization on studs or mares. This procedure is blatantly invasive and risky. The risk factors during and after this procedure can lead to infection, bleeding, death. This method/procedure needs to be removed. As a taxpayer I do not want my tax dollars spent on sterilizing a wild horse.

Page 52: Appendix E: 1) Maintaining and improving the forage base for domestic livestock is NOT justification for

removal of wild horses. This is blatantly backwards. The wild horses have a right to our public lands - federal law - it is a privilege for livestock.

Page 53: item 6) No horse should be "destroyed", not for the reasons cited in this item. Remove this item as stated. In closing, I respectfully request that the responsible officials consider my concerns and comments. I believe that the AML is set too low for this Territory. I would like to regurgitate my opinion that there should be NO permitted livestock grazing within the Territory. The livestock and fencing should be removed. As a taxpayer I believe our wild horses deserve their fair share of land - and it is mandated by federal law. Thanking you in advance for consideration of my comments.