Data Submitted (UTC 11): 4/9/2021 9:21:40 PM

First name: Melissa Last name: Warfield Organization:

Title:

Comments: The Heber U.S. Forest Service has a plan which sets the Appropriate Management Level (AML) extremely low at 50-104 wild equines on 19,700 acres. Even an AML set is one horse for every 394 acres. This range is set too low to maintain a population of wild equines in the Territory. The wild equines are provided 600 Animal Unit Months, while cattle are provided 5,730 Animal Unit Months to graze within the Territory. The Heber U.S. Forest Services must adjust livestock use in the Territory, the wild equines must have their fair share of the Territory. Many of the wild equines were found outside the Territory boundary. The Heber U.S. Forest Service must not remove, but should make an effort to relocate the wild equines within the Territory boundary. The plan that Heber U.S. Forest Service provides for fertility control to control the wild equine growth population. The Heber U.S. Forest Service must consider: (1) the use of options which will impact the health of the wild equine population is maintained at a small population. (2) The use of Porcine Zona Pellucida (PZP) has 20+ years of proven efficacy. PZP must be the chosen method for use in the Territory. (3) The Intrauterine Device (IUDs) have not proven to be humane or effective in wild equine herds. Thus the IUDs must be eliminated from further analysis. When and if the wild equines are removed from the Territory this should be done by bait trapping. Over time adoption demand and the Heber U.S. Forest Service does not add to the thousands of wild equines already in off-range holding facilities across the country. Last of all, the Heber wild equines have been a target of illegal hunting since 2018. The Heber U.S. Forest Service must protect theses federally protected wild equines from harm. Please find the perpetrator(s) responsible for shooting and killing the magnificent wild Heber equines.