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Comments: To the Forest Service,

The current AML set for the herd is too large to encourage herd continuity and sustainability. Furthermore, horses are allotted only 105 of the AUM as cattle. This discrepancy must be adjusted to provide horses with a more equitable share of the resources.

Given the small size of the herd, fertility control should be exercised judiciously, to allow the herd to maintain itself. PAP is the preferred method for all wild horses and has a proven record of 30 years. IUDs have a mixed record of deaths and infections and should not be used.

Horses who require removal should be done in coordination with an adoption program. Don't increase the already high number of horses in off-range holding areas.

Step up prevention and restriction of illegal hunting of these horses, which has increased since 2018. Wild horses can be considered threatened and must not be hunted.

Thank you.