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Comments: The plan sets the AML extremely low at just 50-104 wild horses on 19,700 acres. This number of horses left on the range is much too low to maintain a self-sustaining, genetically viable population of wild horses in the Territory. Even at high AML, that's one horse for every 394 acres.

With the new AML, at low AML, wild horses are provided just 600 Animal Unit Months while cattle are permitted 5,730 Animal Unit Months to graze within the Territory, this seems very unfair to me and I would like to see more restrictions on the cattle. I ask the Forest Service to please adjust livestock use in the Territory in order to give wild horses their fair share of the resource.

The last population survey in the Territory found that many of the horses were outside of the Territory boundary. Instead of immediate removal, I ask the Forest Service to please relocate those horses to within the boundary.

The plan provides for fertility control to be used to control the population growth rate of the horses in the Territory.

The Forest Service must consider how:

I ask that you please do not use IUDs as they have not been proven humane or effective in wild, free-roaming herds and should be eliminated from further analysis.

And I ask that you also consider not using PZP, it has very negative effects on herd dynamics and individual mare health as well.

Instead I would ask that small removals occur within the Territory done exclusively through bait-trapping and over periods of time, to meet adoption demand and ensure that the Forest Service does not add to the thousands of wild horses already in off-range holding facilities across the country.