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Comments: The BLM's current plan to do multiple "wild horse round-ups" sounds benign at first, until one realizes that this is simply another unwarranted attack on innocent animals who deserve to be where they are and not to be routed out by human interests. Those planned for Arizona could reduce the population to a nonviable number of individuals. You should be aware that small population size can easily doom a group to extinction and/or reduce their survivability to minimal levels. These animals are valuable as ecotourism draws, but, more significantly, they are functioning members of an ecosystem in which they play an important role. Population size has been controlled in the past using PZP - has over 30 years of proven efficacy and should be the preferred tool for use. It is more trouble for those "managing" the animals, but it is the most humane method to keep overbreeding from endangering the horses' own survival as well as maintaining the commitment to "multiple use" (which is, to my mind, simply a benign term for protecting the questionable interests of greedy humans) for public lands.

I hope that the agency will reconsider the use of other methods of "management." Wild horse preservation should be prioritized, in line with the 80% of Americans who want to keep wild horses wild, over the private interests of the livestock industry, particularly the RSGA.