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Comments: To the U.S. Forest Service,

I am writing to you today to voice my concerns for the Heber Wild Horse Territory Plan. This plan is not in the best interest of the wild horses currently living on the land. The plan sets the AML extremely low at just 50-104 wild horses per 19,700 acres of land. That equates to one horse every 394 acres. This is unreasonable and looks like it is the best interest for greedy cattle ranchers who want more land so they can increase their own profits. This proposed range is far to low to maintain a self-sustaining genetically viable population of wild horses in the territory. In addition, if you find it necessary to reduce the horse population I urge you to use the incredibly effective, humane and safe birth control PZP to control the horse population. It's been proven effective for the past 30 years! Please save these thousands of majestic horses and their families from terrifying roundups that cause injury, trauma and death to these innocent wild horses. Please protect these horses and keep their families together on the range. They are an American icon! Taxpayers have voted time and time again and DO NOT APPROVE of these roundups and do not want to pay millions of dollars for inhumane round ups that solely benefit the cattle ranchers and the politicians that are in their pockets. Thank you for your time and for finding it in your heart to do the right thing!

Sincerely,

Chris Mcvarish