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Comments: I am commenting about the Heber Wild Horse Territory Plan #18916.

*The AML in the plan is too low at just 50-104 wild horses on 19,700 acres, or a horse per 394 acres. This AML is too low to allow a self-sustaining genetically viable population of the wild horses in the territory.

*More Animal Unit Months are given private cattle (5,730) as opposed to the 600 Animal Unit Months given the wild horses. Please adjust this so the wild horses have a fair share.

*Any wild horses that are outside the territory should be moved by the Forest Service into the territory.

*With regard to fertility control, PZP is the preferred option for safety and efficacy. IUDs do not have comparable safety and should be excluded from study.

*I do not agree with any removal of wild horses from the territory as this is their homeland, and the wild horses must be protected and treated humanely. They are part of the natural environment.

*There have been hunting and killing of the wild horses in the past and I ask that it be a priority of the Forest Service to find and charge the perpetrators. The Forest Service should always protect the wild horses and burros and assure their humane care.

Please consider my comments and revise the proposed Heber Horses Management Plan to include them.

Thank you.