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Comments: As an American taxpayer I object to the plan to remove most of the wild horses from Heber Wild Horse Territory. Right off, the name of the territory alone ought to inform which resident creatures have priority in the maintenance of the local ecosystem. Next, I find the Appropriate Management Level Determination to be suspect; based on some simple calculations the horses are unlikely to consume anywhere near the 9000+ lbs per animal per year that are suggested. The reduction of the herd to ~50 individuals is a ludicrous proposal, leaving approximately one horse per 400 acres. It has been documented that horses in this territory have been hunted by an unknown individual/s and reducing their numbers to ~50 would be an effective annihilation sentance if poaching continues. None of this takes into account public opinion which is generally and overwhelmingly in favor of humane maintenance of wild horses at liberty on the range. Roundups will place undue stress on the animals and risk dibilitating injury to them. The horses removed will be cruelly separated from milti-generational family groups and most are likely to be simply stockpiled in holding, a long-abused system which is already overcrowded and a drain on taxpayer funds. Overall I find the plan to be irresponsible and inadvisable.