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Comments: To Whom it may concern:

The Apache Sitgreaves EA claims that there were only 7 horses in 1974 (according to one short walkabout), but it did not take us very long to find actual proof that the Heber wild horses have been around, since at least 1907 and ofcourse likely centuries before. (They were brought over by the Spanish, even before most of our own ancestors arrived here.)

They are also the last herd in Arizona on Forest Service land that is protected by the Wild Free Roaming Horse and Burro Act of 1971. So we ask the Apache Sitgreaves Forest Service don't treat these treasures like trash! The Heber wild horses are a historic population that merits real protection and sincere humane management by the Forest Service.

There is a better, more sustainable, cheaper, and more humane way to manage wild horse population numbers. It is a proven safe and efficient method called PZP that can be darted in the field without capture. This is what the forest service must try first, before any extreme removals to unsustainable numbers.