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Comments: I am very opposed to this plan because:

With the new AML, at low AML, wild horses are provided just 600 Animal Unit Months while cattle are permitted 5,730 Animal Unit Months to graze within the Territory. Thus, the Forest Service must adjust livestock use in the Territory in order to give wild horses their fair share of the resource;

The plan provides for fertility control to be used to control the population growth rate of the horses in the Territory. The Forest Service must consider how:

(1) the use of these options will impact the health of the herd when the population is maintained at such a small population.

(2) PZP has over 30 years of proven efficacy and should be the preferred tool for use in the Territory.

(3) IUDs have not been proven humane or effective in wild, free-roaming herds and should be eliminated from further analysis; and,

Finally, the Heber wild horses have been the target of illegal hunting since 2018. The Forest Service must work harder to protect these federally protected wild horses from harm and to find the person(s) responsible.