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Comments: The Heber wild horses have been the target of illegal hunting since 2018, no-one has been held accountable to this date, what does the USFS intend to do about that issue? The appropriate AML has not been scientifically reached, as per the National Academy of Science report of 2013. This AML is set too low for the amount of forage available and to maintain a self sustaining genetically viable population and represents one horse on every 394 acres, and how many cows grazing alongside them, probably three times that number and horse removal is the answer? It states in your own document that the livestock grazing permits are not being adjusted because the horse removal will ensure that there is enough forage for the cows, sheep and wildlife in the area. This is ethically and morally wrong, with the numbers at low AML wild horses are provided just 600 animal unit months while cattle are permitted 5730 animal unit months therefore livestock usage of the territory should be adjusted so that the horses get their fair share of land rather than removed to be held in holding at taxpayer expense. USFS should be researching efficient management practices of population including PZP which has proven to stabilize and reduce population growth in a very cost effective manner. If removals must occur within the territory they should be done by bait and gather over time in order to keep up with adoption demand and not to add to the thousands of horses in long term holding at huge expense to the taxpayer and detrimental to the animals well being.

Respectfully submitted.