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Comments: After reading the plan, this is my interpretation:

First off, any data or study can be , and is, presented in a way to achieve the goals of the presenter. Here it is clearly the goal to remove the wild horses that have been there for well over 100 years. So one must ask WHY, after all this time, has this become the goal. A good rule of thumb is to follow the money. I understand there is competition with local ranchers for free grazing lands, perhaps this is the driving force.

The National Forest was founded for preservation and the enjoyment of the American people to enjoy for generations, not for special interest groups with revenue goals.

So, as far as the management plan, I must ask; what is the annual budget necessary to achieve the removal and maintenance of these wild horses year over year for the next ten years, and who is paying for it? I do not see those numbers in your plan, they should be required, and they are certainly much higher than a management plan that stops reproduction and reduces herd size through natural life expectancy. PVP is a proven method, much cheaper to administer, better for the horses, AND the American people get to enjoy their national heritage. The cost for removal, both short term and long term, is just not justified. Especially just to appease the ranchers and their want not to have their 'cattle business for profit' compete for grazing land with the wild horses.

The real goals here is obvious.