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Comments: Thank you for your attention to my personal comments, here: The document I suggest for USFS specific attention is the original 1971 LAW that provided for 'federal protection' to our nation's wild horses and burros. Despite attempts to alter, it remains the sole reason why Interior/BLM and USFS were charged with the duty to protect. In the late 1960s, I (then living in NJ, NYS) and thousands of other ordinary people were personally involved ... as individuals joined into many efforts ... to produce THE major effort that brought a Bill to Congress, which was presented, unanimously passed, signed into law by then-Pres. Nixon in 1971. Those efforts by thousands of us, including school children, who relentlessly contacted Reps and Senators ALL was done before computers, flash mobs, cyberspace and online anything, We DID it! We're tired of being mocked and ignored for 50 years by Congressional indifference and Big Ag lobbying. This despite valid and correct and scientific information supplied to them. --- Please revisit the past Report issued by then-National Academy of Sciences (NAS) to U.S. Dept of Interior/Bureau of Land Management (BLM). This study was commissioned by BLM, spent \$2 million citizen dollars. It disclosed, among other points, the "original sin" which disclosed that BLM never had done a valid census of existing counts in all areas that wild horses/burros inhabited, going back to the BLM original assignment as 'protectors,' according to 1971 LAW. This Study divulged that, by virtue of that initial 'problem,' all other 'decisions' for AMAs were based on a lie, rather than valid numbers. No small wonder that the submitted NAS Report was rejected upon receipt by then-Interior Secretary Sally Jewell. The measures that followed then, and do to this very day, are those developed by BLM 'drugstore cowboys!' BLM is following the wishes of former Sen. Harry Reid to "remove every wild horse from our lands" (his words) ... Reid called the wild ones 'vermin.' BLM continues its MIS-management in the planned extinction of our remaining 'federally protected' wild horses and burros. Wild horses are wild. They live wild, manage families, life, death ... they exist as wild. 'Wild cannot be managed' by humans, as can be domestic horses. Given this fact, why else would BLM employ any and all of the ill-advised processes they have followed since 1971? Theirs is a studied ignorance! PLEASE do NOT "go there!" --- PLEASE do NOT follow the methods of a roque agency. PLEASE lead by example as the USFS. PLEASE do NOT remove any Heber wild horses from a literally ancestral home. Ignore commercial pleas for domestic livestock. Do your homework. You will find that you will know better! --- I now am 90 years old. I owned and raised my own horses. I also have spent my adult life as an advocate for wild horses and burros. I was employed as a journalist and writer. I understand that truth must matter, that truth must prevail, that truth will educate. I know that the "science of the wild" cannot be ignored for any other reasons ... no matter what reasons. Please, follow truth. --- Thank you again for this opportunity to present my views. I want to live long enough to see real results for wild horses.