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Comments: As a citizen of the United States, a resident of the state of Arizona and an individual who values the history and traditions of this country, I request that any plan for removing horses from the Heber National Forest be scrapped. They are native species, proved by DNA of fossilized equine remains prior to the migration across the land bridge to Asia and Europe after the Ice Age. They should no more be removed than Bison or Elk. Their population can be humanely managed by private organizations as proven by the Salt River Wild Horse Management Group. The breaking up of families and methods of rounding up young and old horses leads to injury and death which is a violation of animal cruelty legislation and the charge of stewardship to all creatures we humans have been given.