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Comments: Dear Forest Service,
As an ecologist with a PhD in environmental science, plus having been a long time heritage livestock breeder and horse lover, I feel strongly about habitat diversity as well as preservation of rare livestock genetics in horses. While I'm not familiar with the specifics of this particular herd, I would appreciate your keeping in mind the potential genetic value of wild horses acclimated to certain regions of habitat. As a card carrying member of the Livestock Breeds Conservancy for over 30 years I know that preservation of high quality representatives of wild herds adds irreplaceable genetics developed over several centuries of adaptation. I also strongly urge use of all available humane methods of harvesting & culling and recommend persons experienced with horses and genetics be placed in charge of selecting individual horses to be culled, carefully matching remaining numbers with available forage with the goal of maximizing diversity of both. Please consider issues related to native tribes, if any are stakeholders . Thank you for the opportunity to comment.