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Comments: Dear Forest Service,

I implore you to help control the population of the Heber Wild horses first with PZP before any roundups take place. The Salt River Wild Horse Management Group has proven this VERY effective. They are close and they can help.

Please protect our wild horses as they deserve under the Wild and Free-Roaming Horses Burro Act of 1971. They are an iconic part of our Arizona Wild West history that need preserved. Time and time again we see wild horses gathered in other states only to turn the land over to people to graze other animals. Please do not let this be another place this is done.

If removals must occur, they should be done exclusively through bait-trapping (no helicopters) and in small numbers over time, to meet adoption demand and ensure that the horses do not end up in undesirable places. By pursuing only small, incremental removals, the Forest Service can avoid adding to the thousands of wild horses already in off-range holding facilities across the country. Please allow local groups to arrange adoption before removing any of them. Too many of our majestic Mustangs end up in kill pens and sent to inhumane slaughter outside our country.

Thank you for your time and considering my plea to protect or majestic Mustang in Arizon.