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Comments: Hello, I have had many wonderful visits to visit the Heber wild horses.

It is a beautiful area and they are a well loved by many. We have even thought of relocating to the area just for the beauty of the horses.

I have read the EA and it fails to consider the following actions:

- 1.Increase the AML of 150 to 200 horses (in order to have 50 effective breeding animals) as recommended by the BLM Wild Horse and Burro Handbook in order to maintain an acceptable level of genetic diversity. The USFS is authorized by the Wild Horse Act to create a Heber Wild Horse Sanctuary and remove livestock from the territory, since that is what is needed to manage this herd as a sustainable population. The EA fails to adequately consider this option.
- 2.Relocate all wild horses back into the Territory through humane herding techniques. The amount of fallen trees from past forest fires is a great and dangerous obstacle if a helicopter was to round them up. Only bait and trap should be considered. Create a herd management plan that involves the use of PZP as a fertility control tool.
- 3. Address the fencing problem that literally fences the horses out of their territory.
- 4. Consider partnering with people to create a fertility control program.
- 5.Reassess the Territory Boundary to include seasonal movement of the horses as historically been seen in the past.

Please consider these points.

I appreciate you allowing me to comment.