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Comments: How did modern humans come to believe our right to life is more valuable than other species we share this earth with?

Have horses not done enough to help humans? They have been by our side moving, hauling, carrying humans through centuries and to the few remaining wild herds trying their best to survive on what space we have yet to occupy - this is our best response?

PLEASE stop wild horse intrusion and seek instead for more inclusion. We take so much from nature...it's time we embrace a new resolution:

Let the Heber wild horses roam free on the Heber Territory and the Black Mesa Ranger District

Honor the Wild Horse protection set by PL 92-195, and the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act of 1971

Remember it is Standing herds of livestock that damage habitat - not roaming herds. Ref:

<https://savory.global/bureaucratic-blundering-endangering-horses-and-humanity/>.

Setting AML (Appropriate Management Level) is illegal. These numbers set by the FS of under 50-104 animals are not a viable number and illegal under the Act. <https://www.habitatforhorses.org/the-unnatural-concept-of-the-appropriate-management-level/>

Fertility control drugs cause permanent infertility in as short as 4 consecutive years (ISPMB's studies on two herds).

USFS must do an EA (Environmental Assessment) and EIS which is required, pursuant to NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act).

Two alternatives do not cover the complexity of the issues and are not compliant with NEPA. More choices are required.

Because the horses have not been disturbed in the forest since before 2006, this 450 herd would make a great study for a university. (and they have not doubled in size every four years as purported by BLM).

Let the beauty and grace of these horses attract visitors eager to see them in their natural habitat. Tourism dollars can help support their life on the range. Ref: <https://www.boldcanyonoutdoors.com/2019/07/22/heber-wild-horses-arizona/>

Please work with Wild Horse Advocacy Groups like ISPMB and local horse loving volunteers working to exhaustion to protect the freedom of these sensitive majestic animals from unnecessary cruel intervention.

I leave with a poem as even though you are an agency, you have human agency to feel the plight and do what is right

(written by by Craig Downer, author of the Wild Horse Conspiracy)

WILD HORSE DESTINY

Something there is of Destiny
that calls to me
in the wild horse
who runs so free
upon the remotest
desert and plain,
mountain range
or valley green,
for there is a Rightness here
and an ancestral precedence
dating back millions of years!

Surely this egotistical upstart
called civilized man
shall not be allowed
to extinguish
either this powerfully beautiful line
of ascent from ancient times,
or that by-God-valued Freedom
without which
the very soul of Horsekind
would be denied.

... And there is something implicit here too
in the very Destiny of all we call "the West"
that affirms: "Without wild horses
free to roam the vast unfenced expanses,
the West itself its very soul would lose!"
May Heaven forbid!
Praise God!