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Comments: The Heber wild horses in Apache-Sitgreaves Nation Forest in AZ have been left alone since 2006. In that time, their natural management of their own herd with leaders intact has not produced the alarming growth in numbers predicted. It is well known that the big damage to forests is done by the cattle grazing allowed in these areas. As a taxpayer, I am strongly opposed to my money being used to subsidize the cattle industry. Didn't the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act of 1971 state that these animals should be looked at in the area where they are presently found? Moving a decimated herd to an uninhabitable area accomplishes nothing but wiping them out. That is neither the role of the Forest Service, not the wishes of the American people. Estimating sizes of herds, as well as growth predictions, should be done scientifically. This has been egregiously abused in the past, and would appear to be happening again here.
Please leave the Heber Herd alone and follow the true mandate of the Forest Service. Protect nature by stopping the grazing allotments.
thank you