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Comments: I am writing to Take a REAL stand for the Heber wild horses.

There is NO proof of overpopulation.

Therefore there is no reason for a cull.

And there is no reason for PZP, GonaCon or other birth control measures.

Unfortunately there are people who have no knowledge of the Heber wild horse herd that are pressing for the use of PZP. The people who are pushing for birth control are obviously in agreement with the Forest Service that there is an overpopulation when in actuality there is NO overpopulation. The Forest Service has their agenda to remove wild horses and increase cattle presence in the Forest. What is the agenda of those who are pushing PZP on this herd that is NOT overpopulated?

The law explicitly states
" All management activities shall be at the minimal feasible level..." Since overpopulation has never been proven, the use of bait traps and dart guns
is in violation of the law.

I must comment during these very last days of public commenting to:
- Tell the Forest Service that I support NO ACTION.
-Tell the Forest Service that a full scientific study is required which would include the impacts of all use in the forest including cattle grazing and the impact of the human element on the Sitgreaves National Forest.
-Tell the Forest Service that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is required.
Due to the magnitude of the management plan and significant impact on the environment an EIS is required, pursuant to NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act).

I must speak out for the Heber wild horses whom I know and love as closely as online allows, which is daily interactions thanks to the many , like Betty Nixon, who communicate the activities of the Heber Horses in their wild.
Horses in the wild are a great benefit to the environment as they graze the fuel for fires, they spread seed intact and leave areas ungrazed to replenish the soil.
The literature of William E. Simpson and Craig Downer further explains there are many more benefits to protecting the horses in the wild as they protect and restore the landscape. Even their trails provide fire breaks, and safety, trails used by the horses in the wild for decades as they traverse usually single file and take their turns at the water areas.
Horses in the wild are family oriented, showing love to their family and friends, forming alliances to protect family and friends.
-I do Stand against a cull and birth control of horses in the wild, the Heber Horses.
-I must Tell the Forest Service I support NO ACTION.