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Comments: Please, please don't do this to these horses. They will all end up inbred and genetically deficient. These horses are our history, our decency and honor. We owe it to them to leave them alone and let them prosper. The proposed actions

Completely fails to consider increasing the low AML, even while it admits that most previous public comments were about the AML. (Appropriate management level). This AML was determined by only counting the available forage in the WHT (Wild Horse Territory) of 19.000 acres, even while most of the horses live on 300,000 acres outside of the territory, because the territory itself is not hospitable. (horses are even fenced out of large portions of it.)

It fails to adequately analyze the detrimental effects to the Heber herd should they be brought to an unsustainable number of 50 horses.

It fails to consider reducing livestock grazing within the WHT, even while there is livestock grazing almost everywhere on the Apache-Sitgreaves Forest outside of the WHT.

While it considers using PZP after removals, it fails to consider humane fertility control as a means to stabilize and reduce the herd numbers, so that they can stay in the wild, but simply have fewer offspring.

It considers several bad ideas of birth control such as gonacon and iud's and sex ratio skewing, and these should be dropped from consideration since they do not preserve natural herd behavior.

You asked for our input. Please give proper consideration to it. Thank you.