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Comments: Please reconsider setting the AML so low. The plan sets the AML at just 50-104 wild horses on 19,700 acres. That's one horse for every 394 acres! This is too low to maintain a self-sustaining, genetically viable population of wild horses in the Territory.

Once again, there is a catering to cattle at the expense of wild horses. As a taxpayer, I find the use of public lands and my tax dollars subsidizing cattle grazing, round ups, etc., unethical, inhumane, and personally abhorrent.

Please consider the following:

- (1) the use of these options will impact the health of the herd when the population is maintained at such a small population.
- (2) PZP has over 30 years of proven efficacy and should be the preferred tool for use in the Territory.
- (3) IUDs have not been proven humane or effective in wild, free-roaming herds and should be eliminated from further analysis.

If removals must occur within the Territory, they should be done exclusively through bait-trapping and over time, to meet adoption demand and ensure that the Forest Service does not add to the thousands of wild horses already in off-range holding facilities across the country.

I work at a wild horse rescue as a volunteer and routinely see the terrible impact of trauma from these rounds ups, culling, break ups of families, and long times in government holding pens.

Catering to the cattle industry at the expense of other animals needs to stop. Many tax paying citizens are beginning to learn about what has been going on, and are appalled, and I think we are going to see the trend of protesting the use of our dollars and lands for these things increase, as we wish our voices to be heard.

Wild horses and other animals should be protected, and in that vein, also better protected from illegal hunting.

Thank you for your time and consideration.