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Comments: 50-104 wild horses on 19,700 acres is an extremely low AML., which ignores genetic viability. This will result in Genetic weakness being passed on, which is the epitome of bad management.

At low AML, wild horses are provided just 600 Animal Unit Months, while PRIVATELY-OWNED CATTLE are permitted 5,730 Animal Unit Months to graze within the Territory.

Under 43CFR 1710.5 it is dictated that cattle be reduced or removed to provide forage for Wild Horses.

Horses who have wandered outside of the Territory should be returned to the Territory., as established in the Wild Free Roaming Horse and Burro Act.

Fertility Control should be maintained via PZP application. IUDs have not been proven as safe or effective in Wild Horses.

The shooting of these horses by random shooters is outrageous and the perpetrators must be punished. Finally, the Heber wild horses have been the target of illegal hunting since 2018. The Forest Service must work harder to protect these federally protected wild horses from harm and to find the person(s) responsible. These horses are a beloved natural resource, indigenous to this area and should be protected. They provide

protection against Wild fire, as well.

Please select the No Action Alternative.