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Comments: Thank you for this opportunity to comment. This plan to remove all but 50 of the Heber Wild horses is a disaster and must not happen. This plan is devastating to the wild horses, and is not what the American people want. Grazing livestock for profit is not more important than preserving wild horses and their heritage. Reducing the herd to 50 is a death sentence, inbreeding will destroy what is left of the healthy herd.

There are proven effective and humane ways to manage wild horse herds and this plan does not allow for either humane or effective management. 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 does consider 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.

I would like to see the Heber wild horses preserved and humanely managed through fertility control pzp as an alternative to expensive and cruel removals.

Thank you for your work and for taking a stand to protect the Heber horses.