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Comments: Please consider the following :

Your plan fails to consider increasing the low AML, even while it admits that most previous public comments were about the AML. This AML was determined by only counting the available forage in the WHT 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 does consider several bad ideas of birth control such as gonadon and iud's and sex ratio scewing, and these should be dropped from consideration since they do not preserve natural herd behavior.

I care about the Heber wild horses and hope that you will hold the opinion of the public in highest regard on our public lands. Please preserve and humanely manage the Heber horses through use of PZP