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Comments: I have followed and loved these horses for many years as my family lived in the Heber area for 30 years. The feeling in this town is that the Forest Service is owned by the ranchers and I think that now is totally obvious since they are now trying to cull this herd which is basically a small herd and the numbers do not need to be reduced. Maybe it is time for the Forest Service or anyone else from the government to grow a backbone and stand up for the horses which have every legal right to live on this land instead of being tools for the ranchers. My understanding is that ranchers pay very little for the use of the land, maybe it is time to kick them off the land and leave the horses. Many people from the Phoenix area and other parts of Arizona enjoy going up to the Rim Country to see these beautiful horses, it's still one part of Arizona that has not been developed and destroyed but is a beautiful part of nature that used to be appreciated in this country. Please do not do this, leave this small herd alone to live their lives and do not take away the joy they give to so many. Thank you.