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Comments: I don't understand how the forest service can claim an increase in the herd of 19 to 21% when their own reports show herd numbers relatively stable for many years. If the percent increase were accurate the herd would number in the tens of thousands instead of low hundreds. What are we all missing here? Is this simply a way to scare the public into backing the Forest Service in a plan to decimate the herd? Please consider the value of these iconic horses and allow them to exist unmolested, for future generations to enjoy.