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Comments: Heber horses are restricted to a relatively small area of the Sitgreaves National Forest. This area is steeper than other areas and has less forage and water. The traditional grazing land of these horses was the entire area of the National Forest. This report perpetuates this artificial restriction of their grazing land to less hospitable areas and reports a need to decrease the numbers of horses. It is contrary to the spirit and letter of the Wild Horse and Burro Act.

It further will have a negative effect on the genetic diversity of the current herds.

I urge you to reject this report until such time as a report is prepared which documents where the horses actually free ranged in the forest and protects these herds as the Wild Horse and Burro Act intended. These horses are a cultural, historical and biodiverse asset to the country, and deserve to be properly managed and protected.