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Comments: The Animal Unit Months your plan has determined will be permitted, of only at very most 104 wild horses and at the low end, only 50 wild horses, is absurdly and dangerously low considering that they have nearly 20,000 acres of land set aside for them. That's only one single horse allowed on 394 acres at the high AML. This number would be insufficient to maintain a genetically viable, self sustaining population of these wild horses. The horse, by the way, is a fully native species, having first evolved in North America, greatly predating the arrival of the bison and of homo sapiens from other continents.

If this new AML becomes official, at low AML, wild horses are provided merely 600 Animal Unit Months at the same time as cattle are allotted 5,730 Animal Unit Months to graze within the Territory. This being the case, rationally and justly, the Forest Service obviously must adjust livestock use in the Territory in order to give wild horses their *Fair Share* of the resource. Also, The Forest Service first should make a sincere effort of relocation of these horses inside of the boundary before conducting any removal of any horses, because many of the horses at the time of the last population survey were found to be outside of the Territory boundary.

Before using any fertility control, (and ONLY PZP should be used if anything at all is used; IUDs haven't been shown to be humane or effective in wild, free-roaming herds and definitely should not be an option) the Forest Service must take into account how this would affect the health of the herd when the population is maintained at such a pathetic small number. If indeed any removals are to be conducted, these need to be accomplished ONLY over time and via bait-trapping ONLY, so that every removed horse would be provided with a realistic chance of being adopted rather than simply adding to the tragedy of the thousands of completely innocent wild horses already in captivity across the United States.

The last thing I have to mention strongly is that a large number of these wild horses have already been shot and killed by some psychopathic or sociopathic personality who is not only a threat to wild horses but also to humans and needs to be found and charged with these despicable crimes.

I, and everyone I know, feels that the Forest Service, as a federal agency of our government, must sincerely work harder to protect these *Federally Protected* wild horses from harm!

Thank you for considering my comments. I am hoping that you will feel the ethical and legal responsibility to create a just and humane outcome for these precious wild horses who fully belong in their habitat and have a right to be there.