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Comments: Please do not remove any of the Heber Wild Horses. These horses are an asset to the community and bring tourism dollars into the area. The Heber Horses are loved by the community as a whole. They help with fire prevention by eating the under growth which can become very flammable and helping to prevent forest fires. Horses do not tear out grass at the root, they use their sharp teeth to gently cut it, and then they move to other grazing areas so it has the opportunity to regrow. It is a myth that horses destroy the land & grazing area for cattle. Cattle and horses can coexist. And horses that are protected under the 1971 wild horse Act should not be removed so that cattle can come in and destroy the land. As a lifelong Arizonan, I support all of Arizona's wild horses and I will stand by them to help protect them in this area. God did not make a mistake when he created wild horses, and it is not up to humans to destroy them. If horses are left alone to manage them self the herd sizes will manage themselves as well. PZP and other birth control methods is not needed. Nature will take care of it, unless they are fenced in and not allowed to live & die as they have for hundreds of years. Please do not remove any of the Heber horses. They have a right to be on land that belongs to the public, and the public wants them here. Thank you