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Comments: To Whom It May Concern:

The Forest Service proposal for the management of the Heber Wild horses is a biased, financially and politically motivated eradication of this herd that is mandated to be protected under the Wild Horse and Burro Act. It is not in the best interests of the herd, the forest, the residents, nor the outdoor enthusiasts that visit the area. You are charged with being stewards of the land and its resources, please start practicing that and do not eradicate them in favor of allowing extended grazing rights to the local ranchers. The Salt River Horse management group is a prime example of how this should be done and their methods have proven effective. You should learn from them and follow their example.

On a personal note, my family and I have been camping in the area for over 20 years and the impact to the environment by this herd is non-existent. And if you are lucky enough to have them grace you with their presence while camping, it is nothing short of magical and moving. Please do not deny that experience to my grandchildren and future generations. This herd deserves nothing less than to be treasured and protected. Please let that be your legacy, I implore you to do the right thing.