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Comments: I strongly oppose any plan to remove the Heber wild horses from their range. I do believe that PZP may be an acceptable contraceptive to use to help keep population numbers steady but the idea that 3/4 of the current herd should be removed and under 150 horses left on their range is unacceptable. First of all, you need to consider their entire range when assessing appropriate population size. Secondly, wanting to make room for more cattle or sheep grazing is not acceptable at the cost of wild horse herds. Public lands belong to us all, not just the special interests in the livestock industry. When I visit public forest/range it's certainly not in the hope of seeing more privately owned livestock.

There is no reason why this herd should be culled - apply PZP management is necessary but you must allow the herd size to be appropriately managed based on their entire historical range and genetic diversity and health of the herd must not be jeopardized by undersizing the population merely to please special interests.