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Comments: Bravo for your efforts that are publicized now, to reduce the number of feral horses in the Heber area! Overgrazing by unchecked numbers of feral horses damaged habitat for native wildlife. That should be your key in bringing numbers down as soon as possible.

Feral horses are damaging thousands of acres nationwide. Just like the feral burros that were removed from Grand Canyon National park in the late 1970s, uncontrolled numbers would continue to degrade habitats for other mammals, reptiles, birds, fish, amphibians, insects, and plants!

I own a house in Pinetop and have photos in the nearby forest land, less than  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile from our house of unbranded, feral horse, there, undoubtedly consuming resources that wildlife would otherwise have access to!

I drive the 260 highway between Payon and Springerville, and would not want to hit a feral horse while traveling that route!

I hope your reduction starts right away so you can stop wasting money on a growing feral horse herd, and use it to benefit all the other wild animals and plants that should be there!