Data Submitted (UTC 11): 4/26/2021 11:00:00 AM First name: Frances Last name: Morris Organization: Title: Comments: I read with great sadness your plans for the Heber Territory Mgmt Plan. CRUEL, INHUMANE AND UNREALISTIC CAME TO MIND.

I wondered what role HORSES have on the environment and came upon this article in the Pagosa Daily Post.com, written by William E Simpson II, March 1, 2021, I have enclosed a copy of this article for you to read and I would like to share the following excerpt with you.

"Native species American wild horses are a 'keystone species' and are unique in their ability to accomplish both maintaining wildfire fuels to nominal levels, while also reseeding the same plants and restoring soils through their nutrient and biome-rich droppings. This process also keeps carbon compounds sequestered in soils and plants. Invasive species - cattle, sheep and goats - cannot perform any effective reseeding of the plants they graze because of their complex stomachs, which digest virtually all of the seeds they consume.

Therefore, wildfire grazing in environmentally sensitive areas, such as wildfire-prone wilderness areas, or areas with threatened and endangered flora, can best be accomplished using native species American Wild Horses.

Attachment:

PagosaDailypost.com article "OPINION: Wild horses help protect against climate change"