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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposal of the Heber Wild Horse Territory Management Plan Project. Thank you all for the many hours involved in preparing this documentation.

First and foremost. All parties need to understand. The Heber Horse Territory came into existence under to Wild Horse and Burro Act. Therefore, this "territory" is declared and designated for horses and burros, not the entire forest from Show Low to Forest Lakes. Fact, end of story. That is what this process is all about.

The Forest Service, both Lakeside and Black Mesa Districts were under law, to be in compliance with National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA), conducted and completed the Environmental Assessment or Analysis (EA's) on the Railroad, Town Tank, Claysprings and Willow Wash Allotments many years ago. These Allotments have nothing to do with or have any connection to the "Horse Territory". Horses were not part of these NEPA processes. So, in order for the Forest Service to be in compliance with NEPA, the horses within these Allotments should be humanely removed. Prior to year 2002, (Rodeo/Chediski Fire) there were no horses on these allotments.

I support the Forest Service Proposed Action of 50-104 horses be managed within the designated territory and the closely surrounding area.

Second and last item to mention, the Forest Service has the monitoring information to support the fact that cattle are not overgrazing. Another fact and end of story.