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Comments: This 784,326 acre,(approximately 3/4 MILLION acres) Complex is currently home to an estimated 281 wild horses and 551 wild burros. This amt. of acreage should be entirely appropriate for this small number of horses and burros. Setting AML at 63-93 wild horses and 103-192 wild burro will result in loss of genetic viability and once that is gone, it is gone forever.

When the WFRHBA was made law, it was estimated that the horses were "fast disappearing from the American scene" because only 27,000 Wild Horses were left in existence. This was not to be the number horses are to be kept at, to the contrary, this number was a red flag to their impending demise.

If some horses and burros are to be removed, this could easily be done with bait-trapping the animals at different locations., darting could be accomplished at these bait trap sites.

Sterilizing mares by ovariectomy via colpotomy has been ruled out in other HMAs. It is cruel and archaic. If any "sterilization" must be done, the magnetic IUD should be the method of choice.

Lowering the number of horses to 63-93 is genocide.

If there are cattle or sheep on this HMA, they must be reduced or removed according to 43CFR 4710.5 before any horses and burros are removed.