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WHT middle section

In the last 8 years USFS has removed 3,345 wild horses from this territory. Now the USFS wants another round up removing another 1,134 wild horses. This is not right these wild horses are on our public lands and are very historical. They need to stay on the land.

Please revise the Devil's Garden Plateau wild horse Territory management plan EA and do not remove another 1,134 wild horses. 258,000 acres could totally support these horses.

I support Alternative 4 reducing livestock. These are our public lands, and the wild horses need to stay on the land. The livestock need to be removed or at least reduced if the area is getting damaged by overgrazing. It is very terrible when wild horses are removed, and livestock are put back on the land. This just shows commercial livestock interests are favored over the wild horses.

Sex skewing needs to be thrown out. This causes social change and a lot of fighting among the wild horses.

When it comes to fertility control pzp should be the only one considered. Pzp has shown to be safe, humane and will not make the mare infertile in the future. Gonacon should not be used it will make the mare infertile after only 2 applications and destroys mares ovaries. The Ea does not look at what will be the destruction of this historic herd if 1,134 wild horses are removed. The Ea fails to analyze the low arbitrary Mangement level the aml was reduced 275 to 205 because of livestock. Wild horses should be before livestock, yet the Ea fails to consider this action which goes against what USFS wants to do. Which is balance.

The middle section of the WHT should not be zeroed out for the wild horses. This is a major part of the area for the wild horses. Wild horses cannot see imaginary lines. If private owners want no wild horses on their property they need to build a fence. There is dozens of fences in the area. That should not be a problem and the wild horses should be able to stay in that area.

Zeroing out a portion of DGWHT should not be even an option. The area will change a lot if wild horses are not there anymore. Plus, livestock would still be in the area. I cannot believe that one. Wild horses should be on the land vs livestock.

The Aml needs to be looked at and increased in some areas where it was zeroed out. This land should be used and allow wild horses to use it again.

There are other alternatives besides rounding up these horses such as PZP fertility control and reduce or remove livestock off the land. Please no more mass round ups. These wild horses deserve to live on the land.