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Being from Mono County and my deep familial ties with the area makes this a very emotional issue for me. I am aware of how prevalent those gorgeous wild horses are in that region, not just to the people who live there, but also to the tribes, the rich history, and the environment. Some of our dear nation's wild horses are among the last remaining.

The system needs to be improved to incorporate scientific findings, update outdated policies for the areas, reevaluate the AML allowing for more horses, expand the territory, possibly install fences if safety is a concern near the highways, and explore other options. Please give up on round-ups and instead spend the money on more research and studies for the area. These animals have inhabited the areas for thousands of years. We invaded their spaces. We need to respect them. Not make them move or remove them by force.

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