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Comments: 1) Horses are indigenous to N.America and were present on the continent as late as 5,000 yrs ago. https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2021/12/211208090008.htm And many other recent research.
2) As such, they must have played an important and unique role with other species of herbivores in their relationship with native indigenous plants, grazing, fire suppression, and prey food source for indigenous predators.

3) It is my opinion based on the above that horses should be treated as natives wild to the N.American landscape, that is defined as not confined or limited in numbers by government action to gather and remove by force. Instead, actions should be taken to restore the horses natural predators which have been reduced in #'s by hunting activities. GET RID OF THE CATTLE/DOMESTIC SHEEP OFF PUBLIC LANDS! Bring back bears/cats/wolfs! And the Golden Beaver! Restore wetlands habitats. We should be seeing elk, antelope, sheep, buffalo, deer, horse herds and their natural predators when we travel thru public lands! Not cows!