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Comments: I am officially objecting to the proposed removal of wild horses outside of the designated wild horse territory. These beautiful creatures live a peaceful life far away from human interaction and do not threaten sage grouse, natural lands or human interaction any more than the cattle ranching that is allowed in the same territories. I recently visited these horses in their beautiful home off of highway 120, and there were more cattle out there grazing and trampling the fields, than there were horses. These horses have lived peacefully out there for decades. They are families and they deserve to be left alone in their amazing homelands. Congress passed the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act in 1971 in order to protect these horses as they are a part of our historic Pioneer history. This is a federal act which protects them from capture, harassment, branding and death. This act declares that they " contribute to the diversity of life forms within the Nation and enrich the lives of the American people". It is not ok that you intend to prioritize ranching and other selfish special interests over the lives and wellbeing of the wild horses. Their home is beautiful. They are healthy and peaceful and they live far out of the way of civilization. Please do not break ranching these beautiful families and take away their majestic home, They deserve to be there more than the cattle and they live in such a vast uncivilized area that they pose no threat to sage grouse or human interaction! I am a local of mono county for 50 years. My family and i visit these horses yearly. They are a historical treasure to us and many other locals. Do not remove the Wild Horses!