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Comments: Dear US Forest Service,

I have made comments to you in the past -- I am personally passionate about the Pryor wild horses. They are central to a book I've written and I'm writing a sequel! I have visited this range many times. As you know, it is a very special part of the world and these horses are integral to the land.

I am deeply troubled by your proposed intentions to reduce the herd(s) and introduce permanent sterility in mares. From my reading and research, it would seem that more intensive research is needed to determine how much (if any) the present horse population numbers are truly posing a threat to the integrity of the range in the Pryor refuge genetic viability and strong numbers should be prioritized. And I am fiercely in opposition to helicopter roundups as inhumane! I appreciate your considering these vital issues as you determine these horses' fate over the next decade. Thank you.