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Comments: Dear U.S. Forest Service,

I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the proposed changes to the management of the Pryor Mountain Wild Horse Range. As someone who deeply values these historic and unique wild horses, I am concerned that the current proposal may be based on incomplete or outdated data, particularly regarding Appropriate Management Levels (AMLs).

AMLs serve an important role in guiding management decisions, but they should be grounded in current, science-based assessments of land health, forage availability, and overall ecosystem balance. In the case of the Pryor Mountain herd, it appears that the data used to determine AMLs may not fully reflect the present conditions on the range, nor the broader ecological or genetic significance of this distinct herd.

I respectfully ask the Forest Service to:

Ensure all data used in decision-making is up-to-date and publicly available for transparency.

Review and, if needed, revise AMLs using current scientific methods and independent expertise;

Avoid irreversible actions, such as large-scale removals or permanent fertility control, until a comprehensive environmental review is completed.

Engage with stakeholders, including wild horse advocates and scientific experts, in a collaborative and open process.

The Pryor Mountain wild horses are not only part of our natural heritage - they also represent a rare and irreplaceable lineage. Their continued presence depends on thoughtful, science-based, and transparent management.

I appreciate your consideration and your continued stewardship of our public lands.

Sincerely,