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Comments: I am reading that the Heber wild horse herd will be taken from the range they are currently roaming on to be put in captivity. I object to this project and do not want the horses taken off the range/wilderness areas. I have been wanting to visit this area of Arizona because of the wild horses there. These beautifully forested mountains and horses would be a delight to see and camp and hike around. What I don't want to see are cows. I cannot stand seeing cattle in wilderness/range areas. They completely mess up the beauty and make any springs and rivers gross with all their manure and tearing apart of shrubs and grasses. I feel there are better methods to help maintain the wild horses such as PZP administration and allowing access to more sources of water and in general, helping to re-wild the horse herds by teaching them to move to different areas at different times of the year. Something they would do naturally if they had not been confined for so long as it is. They need much wider ranges to be successful and allowed access to wilderness connections throughout the mountains and plateaus of the southwest. Also allow the population of predators to expand would also have a positive impact on all the species living in these Arizona mountains.

Thank you for your consideration on my opinion and the importance of equines living in the wild.