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**Subject:** Wild Horse Round-ups

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To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to express my concern regarding BLM's future horse round-ups. Wild horses make up 1/2 percent of the large animals grazing our public lands. I do not support BLM's current policy for their control for these reasons:

1) Horses were once native to North America. I view their historic reintroduction as no different than reintroducing bighorn sheep to public lands.

2) As stated above, wild horses make up 0.5 percent (one-half percent) of the large animals on public lands. Why should land management be biased so heavily toward cattle and sheep grazing, as opposed to a more balanced approach that accepts large native ungulates such as deer, elk, bighorn sheep, mountain lions, etc., as part of the picture? Ranchers already pay a "song" for AUMs as it is. (I am a meat-eater and user of animal products; I support the raising of cattle and sheep on public lands; I believe the current policies are not fair or equitable to wildlife.)

3) Though U.S. law prohibits sale of horses to U.S. slaughterhouses, this can easily be circumvented by selling these animals in Mexico or Canada.

4) Mortality to maintain healthy animal populations is critical, but from what I've read, the wild horse population numbers are already below the level of sustaining a healthy gene pool. If control is warranted, "birth control inoculations" or castration should be used.

From what I understand, these methods would be more effective, less stressful to the horses in the long-run, and far less expensive than the cost of the current policy used.

Sincerely,

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