

Please write a letter to the United States Forest Service before June 15, 2007, as a public comment in support of the Heber wild horses. Letters should go to:

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Please include the following points:

I am writing to comment on the unbranded, unclaimed, free-roaming horses in Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests and to comment on the United States Forest Service responsibility to manage the Heber Wild Horse Territory established by Congress in 1971 in the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests.

I want the unbranded, unclaimed horses in Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests, whose presence in the rim area has been historically verified to date back to the exploration of Father Eusebio Kino in the 17th and early 18th centuries, preserved and protected in Apache-Sitgreaves Forests and managed in viable herds that will preserve these horses for future generations. I want the US Forest Service to comply in good faith with the stipulated agreement regarding these horses and signed as an order by a Federal District Court Judge for the District of Arizona.

Any horses who are removed for management reasons should be removed in the most humane manner possible and adopted out in a manner similar to that used by the Bureau of Land Management in the Wild Horse and Burro Program or the Forest Service should work with knowledgeable individuals and reputable sanctuaries to create a conservation program for this unique group of horses so that their genetic characteristics will be preserved both in captivity and in the wild.

The Forest Service must maintain and manage the Heber Wild Horse Territory with sufficient acreage to preserve viable numbers of the free-roaming, unbranded, unclaimed horses in the Territory and on surrounding lands in Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests.

The deaths of free-roaming, unbranded, unclaimed horses, including the shooting deaths of at least seven of these horses between August 2006 and December 2006, in Apache-Sitgreaves Forests need to be taken seriously by the United States Forest Service and anyone responsible for harming one of these horses must be apprehended and prosecuted.

Copy this letter to you local congressman and two senators

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Thank you so much for helping our equine friends.

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