

In SUPPORT of SCR 4014

To the Secretary of the Interior and the Director of the National Park Service:

The Federal government has spent millions in inhumane treatment, capture, and eradication of America's wild horses, which is deeply against the spirit of this country, and deeply against the will of 80 percent of Americans. The NPS mission statement begins with the word "preserve." These wild horses are descendants of the original Badland horses, which makes them a natural and cultural resource, wording which comes up again in the NPS mission statement. To preserve the integrity of this herd is to abide by your mission statement, in multiple ways. Wild horses inspire and are enjoyed by people of all backgrounds and ages, and are great starting points for discussion and education. To dismantle this herd is to go against the mission of the National Park Service, and the people which it serves.

As the only wild horse herd in North Dakota, please take responsible management approaches to ensure this historic herd's continued vitality and great asset to the wilderness, state, and country. A minimum of 150 wild horses in the Teddy Roosevelt herd must be maintained to ensure genetic viability, and only humane, scientifically recommended methods of management should be used.

If wild horses are removed, I will not spend tourism dollars in the state of North Dakota, including making trips to the state and purchasing products made in North Dakota. Wild horses are a draw for many visitors and maintaining the Teddy Roosevelt herd will bring tourism dollars to the state and localities.

Please vote YES on SCR 4014.

Sincerely,

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