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Hello,

Please Vote YES on SCR 4014 to support humane, scientifically recommended methods of managing the Teddy Roosevelt wild horses on the public lands they call home.

The Teddy Roosevelt wild horses are North Dakota's ONLY wild horse herd and MUST be protected as such.

Not only are the wild horses integral to the scenery, native wildlife, and wilderness qualities of the Park, these horses in the Park are descendants of the original Badland horses with historical lineages that trace all the way back to the horses surrendered by Sitting Bull in the late 1800s.

The Teddy Roosevelt herd must be kept at a MINIMUM of 150 horses in order to ensure a genetically viable herd. Any less would cause irreparable damage.

By protecting the horses, SCR 4014 will also help support ecotourism and business development in North Dakota.

Personally, if the horses are removed, I will not spend any more tourism dollars in the state, as myself and my family have done many times in the past. This would sadden me greatly, but I could not support a state that would let this historic herd decline or be harmed in any way.

Please follow the wishes of 80 percent of Americans and preserve this cherished wild horse herd. Please protect them under SCR 4014.

Thank you.
Cynthia Lynch