

To the North Dakota Agriculture Committee

Thank you for allowing me to submit my testimony on SCR 4014. I am in favor of this resolution but suggest a change in the word "livestock".

Livestock are "domesticated animals raised in an agricultural setting to provide labor and produce diversified products for consumption such as meat, eggs, milk, fur, leather and wool." The wild/feral horses in TRNP are NOT livestock. They are NOT domesticated. They have lived wild in the Park since it was fenced 54 years ago. The wild horses are not fed nor cared for by humans. The wild horses are TOTALLY on their own for survival WITHOUT human interventions. They have adapted to the harsh conditions of the badlands.

After years of classifying the wild/feral horses as such, the National Park Service reclassified them as livestock to facilitate their total removal.

Please do not allow one word "Livestock" to inadvertently give reason for the National Park Service to remove the wild horses from the Park.

I ask you to please remove the word "livestock" from this resolution and help preserve the wild horses in the only national park in the western part of the United States.

Thank You