

The Teddy Roosevelt horses are North Dakota's only wild horse herd and should be protected as such. They are integral to the scenery, native wildlife, and wilderness qualities of the Park – the landscape that inspired President Theodore Roosevelt and still inspires hundreds of thousands of visitors today.

The 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. They should be considered a historical treasure from our country's beginning. To sustain a healthy genetically viable herd it must be kept at a minimum of 150 horses.

SCR 4014 will help support ecotourism and business development in North Dakota by protecting the horses. It is also consistent with the wishes of 80 percent of Americans who want wild horses protected.

Please vote YES on SCR 4014 to support humane, scientifically recommended methods of managing this historically treasured wild horse herd on the public lands they have called home since their beginning.

Sincerely,
JoAnn Kidd