

1. Wild horses are integral to the scenery, native wildlife, and wilderness qualities of the Park – the landscape that inspired President Theodore Roosevelt and still inspires VISITORS TODAY. As a photographer and tax paying stake holder of our public lands I would travel to The Park today to see the horses.

2. 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. “I believe that those (horses) running wild within the Theodore Roosevelt National Park constitute a historic resource just like TR’s cabin and so forth, and the landscape is a historic resource that the park is obligated to interpret and preserve,” Utley, the parks historian said in the written testimony.

3. The Teddy Roosevelt horses are North Dakota’s only wild horse herd and should be protected as such. Preserved and protected at the same level as the bald eagle. The Teddy Roosevelt herd must be kept at a minimum of 150 horses in order to ensure a genetically viable herd. It does not matter if they have lived as free on Park lands since the 1800’s. LIVED AS FREE native non native does not matter.

4. SCR 4014 will help support ecotourism and business development in North Dakota by protecting the horses.

5. SCR 4014 is consistent with the wishes of 80 percent of Americans who want wild horses protected. I am one of those who pays taxes and want these horses to remain wild and free.

6. If the horses are removed, I will not spend tourism dollars in the state.

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

8. To quote Theodore Roosevelt himself “ Here is your country. Cherish these natural wonders, cherish the natural resources, cherish the history and romance as a sacred heritage, for your children and your children children. Do NOT let selfish men or greedy interests skin your country of its beauty or riches or romance. These horses are loved by many Americans and they’ve been under siege across the USA . I love them and I want them saved as Teddy would have saved them himself