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Superintendent, Theodore Roosevelt National Park  
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RE: Comments for the NPS Livestock Plan for Theodore Roosevelt National Park

Good Day,

I would like to make a couple of things clear for the folks in the NPS. Definitions have become clouded for you folks regarding the wild horses in TRNP.

**Feral** - (especially of an animal) in a wild state, especially after escape from captivity or domestication.

**Livestock** - Livestock are the 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.

**Wild - Animals that have not been domesticated or tamed and are usually living in a natural environment**, including both game and nongame species.

The NPS seems to need an English lesson, or learn how to use Google. The wild horses in TRNP, are certainly NOT livestock.

Some may argue that they are feral, that is if they do not understand science or keep up on scientific research, especially if they are just trying to push an unorthodox agenda not supported by the American people.

The wild horses on TRNP, even if they were released almost 100- years ago, are generations away from that situation. They have been WILD for over 75 years, and are proven by peer reviewed scientific research, to be descendants of the native species know to exists and survive the ice age on the North American Continent.

The basis of this entire situation is the NPS's erroneous definition of the wild horses in TRNP being "livestock."

Wild horses in TRNP are just that, "wild." Not feral, and most certainly not "livestock."

The horses presently found in TRNP cannot be claimed to have EVER escaped from captivity and they have certainly NEVER been domesticated, they are native, wild horses and deserve to be protected just as Theodore Roosevelt intended.

Please correct the egregious error of how NPS and the DOI have decided to "define" the wild horses of TRNP as "livestock." Leave the wild horses there in their natural environment just as Theodore Roosevelt had intended when he designated the area as a national park.

Best Regards,

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