February 4, 2023

TO: The Legislative Branch

RE: Senate Energy and Natural Resources Public Hearing (February 9, 2023)

If the wild horses are removed from the Theodore Roosevelt National Park South Unit, it would eliminate a great deal of incentive for me to visit the park.

I do not understand why the North Dakota Legislative Branch is trying to eliminate the wild horse herd from a <u>National</u> Park. Whatever the reasons may be, I feel that the time, energy and money being spent to remove the horses from the parks could be way better spent in other ways.

I truly hope the horses are allowed to remain in the park for all time.

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