

I am writing to inform you that my family and I are opposed to any plan to permanently remove the wild horse from TRNP. They are our main reason for visiting the park.

On average we travel to the park 5-7 times per year and spend 3-5 days each time we visit. The horses are the “must see” for us, above any other animals that call the park their home. We, as a family, have been visiting TRNP for 30+ years. So if you do the math, 30×6 trips = 180 visits! More math, 180×4 days = 720 days, we have spent in the park! And this is a low estimate.

When you deprive Medora, all of the surrounding towns and the Park of the money we spend on food, accommodations, fuel, trinkets and entertainment and multiply this by all the others that will no longer travel to that area; it will cause financial hardships for the entire area, that won't be comprehended until it is too late.

It does not appear that the negative impact of removing the horses has been given much consideration by the park administration. The visitorship will decrease dramatically and people that travel to the park from all over the United States and foreign countries will find different destinations.

It will more than sadden us if the proposed plan to terminate the existence of wild horses in TRNP is successful, it will alter our lives. We will probably seldom visit there again. The horses are truly the “Treasure of the Park.” Those that get to see them are blessed.

If the horses are removed from TRNP it will cause a wound that will never heal and resentment that will last for generations.

Please do what ever you can to insure the horses remain in the Park. Their removal must not happen.

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