

I was raised in Minot and a major part of our childhood was spent in the south unit of the park camping in the prairie dog town with the buffalo coming into the tanks for water and our horses snorting because they didn't like the close proximity of the giant majestic beasts. Riding seemingly endless trails and encountering wild animals in their various stages of life – very young and very old. I wouldn't trade these memories for anything else we did as children – they are priceless. PLEASE protect these wild herds of horses as they are providing a lifetime of memories for so many young (and old) people who follow them on social media and visit when they can. The park has been a refuge for so many animals and so many memories. If there is dire concern for population please consider temporary birth control for the mares, this will lessen the birth rate and yet preserve the lineage as the sterilization will wear off after a couple seasons.

I cannot even imagine coming to the park without the allure to spot one of the bands being wild and free. I cannot imagine what you are thinking the park is for if not for the preservation of the wild animals in a large almost free environment. Please vote to preserve TRNP as it should be, as it is! Thank you for reading my plea.

Sincerely,

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