

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.

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.

The Teddy Roosevelt horses are North Dakota's only wild horse herd. They should be protected as such. This herd must be kept at a minimum of 150 horses to ensure a genetically viable herd.

SCR 4014 will help support ecotourism and business development in North Dakota by protecting the horses. It is also consistent with the wishes of 80 percent of Americans who want wild horses protected.

Please know that if the horses are removed, I will not spend tourism dollars in the state.