

I support SCR 40414 for the following summary reasons:

1. Wild horses are an enduring symbol of the the wildness of the western United States. They are integral to the Western States identities and embody their spirit. They are also integral to the scenery, native wildlife, and wilderness qualities of the Park the landscape that inspired President Theodore Roosevelt and still inspires visitors today.
2. The Park horses descended from the original Badland horses with historical lineages that trace back to the horses surrendered by Sitting Bull in the late 1800s. Therefore, these horses and our Nations history are inextricably linked.
3. The Teddy Roosevelt horses are North Dakotas only wild horse herd and should be protected as such.
4. The Teddy Roosevelt herd must be kept at at a minimum of 150 horses to ensure a genetically viable herd.
5. SCR 4014 will help support ecotourism and business development in North Dakota by protecting the horses.
6. SCR 4014 is consistent with the wishes of 80 percent of Americans who want wild horses protected.
7. If the horses are removed, I will not spend tourism dollars in the state.