

Dear Senate Committee Members,

**I am writing in support of SCR 4014. and the Teddy Roosevelt Horses.** This is an issue particularly close to my heart, my family's heart and those of many in my community. I can site a number of reasons why we should protect the Roosevelt Horses. First, as an animal lover I abhor the suffering of any living creature, and the thought of these beautiful animals being removed and sent to an uncertain fate, possibly slaughter breaks my heart. Secondly, from a cultural perspective, these horses are a unique American icon and a symbol of the beautiful western United States. The National Park Service has not always done a good job of protecting wild horses and many wind up injured, or sent to slaughter. There is clearly something special about these animals that touches the majority of people in this country. I respectfully ask for your support, you can save these beautiful animals and with them an important symbol of our beautiful west.

Sincerely,

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