

Dear Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to share my testimony with you today. I am writing IN FAVOR of SCR 4014 regarding the wild herd of horses in the South Unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park.

I am a resident of North Dakota and have been visiting the park 200+ times a year for the last eight years. I began documenting the herd of wild horses inside the park in 2015, working with the non-profit Wild in North Dakota. During my eight years in the field, I have worked with the Wildlife Biologist for TRNP, reporting births, deaths, injuries, and so forth. I have also volunteered time for roundups and worked at the handling facility caring for the horses pulled for sale.

Along with tracking and documenting the herd inside the park, I run a social media page dedicated to the TRNP horses. Through sharing photos and stories of the horses on this page, I have seen firsthand the difference they make in the lives of the thousands of people worldwide who follow them. Many individuals have followed the horses for years through social media and, as a result, have visited or planned to visit TRNP specifically to see the horses.

Removing the horses would negatively impact the town of Medora, the businesses, and surrounding communities relying on the summer crowds to sustain them financially throughout the rest of the year. Most importantly, removing the horses would destroy the family bands who have lived together in the park for decades. Therefore, I support SCR 4014 and any further steps to save the herd of wild horses inside the South Unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park.

Sincerely,

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