

Vote Yes SCR 4014 Public Hearing 2/9/2023

When will you learn? Look at the mess always created when the government steps in to “control” wildlife. We mess it up worse! Preserving the Teddy Roosevelt horses is a MUST!

Please don't do what the BLM has done in rounding up wild Mustangs! Herds are split, foals torn from their mothers, and the harm, both physically and mentally, is awful and terrifying. Sometimes even death, or injuries so bad, they are shot on the scene. I think what bothers me most is many workers become calloused and lose empathy for the safety of the horses. Unless you have witnessed mass roundups, then you must physically be there to see what happens should you decide to “control” the herd. To watch it and live it is heartbreaking. The fear when broken from their friends and family. Foals separated from their mothers. Herds are torn apart. For what?

Preserving the Teddy Roosevelt horses is a MUST. You know their heritage and history. You know they contributed to President Teddy Roosevelt's wonder at the natural world, leading to his CREATION of the FIRST NATIONAL PARKS. Horses have lived in TRNP for generations, and MILLIONS of Park visitors cherish these animals as an integral part of the cultural heritage of the Badlands. Why not keep them for people who tour to see such heritage? To see them in their natural habitat, together, as a herd, is so inspiring! Untouched by man.

Teddy Roosevelt's horses are North Dakota's only wild horse herd and should be protected as such. I know what happens when man tries to control populations. It usually doesn't go well. Name one program that is working today! The population should be a minimum of 150 to protect the GENETIC HEALTH of the herd and promote its genetic viability. The herd can and should be managed at a HIGHER MINIMUM POPULATION LEVEL.

The Governor has already spoken out against this plan and the legislature is now following suit! Most Americans want wild horses protected. The herd will promote tourism and bring in money. But if not passed, it won't be me or my money that comes back to Nevada, there are plenty of horses here in Kentucky.

Support of SCR 4014! Vote YES on SCR 4014 to support humane, scientifically recommended methods of managing these wild horses on the public lands they call home. Just do it.

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