

I am writing in support of the wild horses in Theodore Roosevelt National Park. I would like to see the entire herd remain in the park that has been home to wild horses since before the park was established, and is the only home these amazing creatures have known.

With less than 200 horses currently in the park and over 70,000 acres to roam, their impact on the environment is minimal. They have lived in harmony with the other park wildlife which was evident by the incredible respect shown to Gray Ghost at his death when the buffalo herd walked to him one by one and then surrounded his body as if to protect him. I regularly view pictures from two photographers and the horses overall appear to be in good condition.

They are part of our heritage and should remain in the park. If there is a concern of population control, safer birth control methods are now available. Additionally, the longhorn cattle are also an important part of Teddy Roosevelt's ranching history and are also a part of our North Dakota history. I have fond memories of visiting the park to see the wild horses and hope others will have this opportunity, as well.