

I want to provide testimony in support of SCR 4014.

SCR 4014 is an important step in preserving the ecosystem of this area. Wild Horses are an integral part of this environment and removing them will hurt the ecotourism in the area as well as the natural environment where they reside. My parents visited this park several years ago and one of the main draws to the area, which is not close to where they live, was the chance to see the Wild Mustangs. I myself have not yet visited, but have traveled to Canada to see wild horses as well as spent time at a wild horse rescue in California in an effort to learn more about our native wild horses.

Repeated polls have shown that **80%** of Americans want the wild horses protected. We want our native animals to have a place to live out their lives free from the terrifying and dangerous round ups that are decimating their populations through out our country. Please protect them. Listen to our voices since the horses cannot defend their own freedom.

If these horses are removed there will be no need for me to ever visit this park.

Thank you for your consideration.

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