## **Teddy Roosevelt Wild Horses**

## To whom it concerns:

I am in support of SCR 4014, a state resolution that urges the Secretary of the Interior and the Director of the National Park Service (NPS) to preserve The Teddy Roosevelt wild Horses.

I am totally AGAINST a management plan that would result in a <u>severe reduction or the total</u> <u>eradication of these mustangs.</u>

I understand this herd is the only WILD HORSE HERD in N. D. and we must protect this herd.

For a genetically viable herd the Teddy Roosevelt horses should be kept at a minimum of 150 horses.

SCR 4014 has the support of approx...80% business development in North Dakota by protecting the horses of Americans that want Wild HORSES protected. !!

SCR 4014 would support business development in North Dakota by protecting the horses.

The Teddy Roosevelt wild horse herd calls this area HOME. They have been loved for years by the park visitors and horse lovers.

"Legend has it that the Teddy Roosevelt horses are descendants of the horses that were used by Sitting Bull and the Sioux tribe to defeat Lt. Col. George Custer at the Battle of the Little Big Horn," said Gus Cothran, a clinical professor at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences (CVM)."\*

Teddy Roosevelt horses are still a piece of living history. In fact, feral horses have existed in the park area since the mid-1800s.

The wild horses belong here, and to keep any history alive in this country we must STOP getting rid of Wild Mustangs that usually end up in long term holding pens or slip away to a horrific end to their life in another country. This is HISTORY. Leave it alone.

Years ago we had over 3 million Wild Mustangs.

Preserving North Dakota's Wild Horse herd is a small token of our gratitude for this Teddy Roosevelt herd. THEY ARE FREE. LEAVE THEM FREE FOR AMERICA.

WHO DOES NOT WANT TO PRESERVE THIS PART OF OUR AMERICAN HISTORY????