

I strongly oppose the removal of any of the wild horses located in Theodore Roosevelt National Park. The wild horses in TRNP are the biggest draw for visitors to the park. In addition, local economies in towns around TRNP will suffer with the loss of tourist visits if the wild horses are removed.

The horses in TRNP are an historic herd of Nakota wild horses with unique genetics rarely found. Native species wild horses have been observed in the area of Theodore Roosevelt National Park for centuries and were only fenced in when the park was formed. The horses in TRNP are the only wild horses roaming free in the state of North Dakota and should be considered a treasured resource.

A new alternative to the park's Environmental Assessment must be added with scientific and humane management of the wild horses in the park.

The TRNP must redesignate the wild horses as wildlife; they are not to be designated as livestock.

My future vacation plans included a visit to TRNP, however I don't think I will visit after all if the wild horses are removed.

Respectfully submitted,

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