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Greetings people of North Dakota,
I'm an east coast city person who works in higher education in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. You might assume that I'd have nothing in common with North Dakota, and actually that's mostly true. However, as a wild horse photographer I spend a great deal of time exploring American public lands, and I visit your state regularly to view and photograph the horses in Theodore Roosevelt National Park. My favorite horse there is the mare Allison and I look for her every time I visit.

The park reminds us how little of the once-magnificent North American grasslands remain and how little remains of those wild ecosystems as well as the nations that preceded European occupation. Horses were part of the fabric of this land at the time Theodore Roosevelt settled there and they had a profoundly important place in indigenous culture. The National Park Service's plan to remove the horses would erase this legacy in favor of an arbitrary notion of ecological purity that is all but meaningless in a globalized world in which no ecosystems have escaped anthropogenic change.

I hope you will support SCR 4014, urging the park service to pull back on its poorly conceived plan for removing the horses from the park.

Thanks for your support,
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