

To: North Dakota Governor, North Dakota State Senate and the North Dakota State Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

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It is my understanding that you are issuing a "resolution" to save the wild horses in the Roosevelt National Park and I am hoping everyone will vote "yes" on the resolution to save these magnificent horses and allow them to remain free with their horse families in the park.

Here are some of the reasons to save these wild horses:

- As a American citizen, I cherish our wild horses and they are apart of our culture and heritage and I strongly encourage you to find a way for them to remain free in Roosevelt National Park.
- These wild horses are a major attraction bringing visitors to the park and to North Dakota. Tourism brings in financial support to the local economies in the towns surrounding the park. Tourism will suffer will decrease if the wild horses are removed.
- These wild horses are a historical herd and their unique genetics are inherent in this Dakota herd and are not found elsewhere.
- Native species of these wild horses have been observed in the habitat around the Theodore Roosevelt National Park for hundreds of years.
- These wild horses are a "treasure" and a marvelous asset to North Dakota's natural resources in the state. They are the only free roaming wild horses in the state. Please do not remove this TREASURE!!
- Scientific and humane management of these wild horses should be developed for the Park's Environmental Assessment.
- A 1971 Federal Law was developed to protect our wild horses and I realize that the National Park service may not have to follow these regulations, butthey should protect them. These horses need to be designated as "wildlife" (not livestock) and forever protected.

Thank you for reading my comments and I hope you preserve our Iconic American wild horses in Roosevelt National Park in North Dakota. I will be a tourist and come visit them.

Sincerely,

Toni Napolitano

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