

To the Secretary of the Interior and the Director of the National Park Service,

Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts on why I support SCR 4014.

Eighty percent of Americans want our wild horses protected. They are the symbol of the American west and our country could not have become what it is without them. They have served us with loyalty, dependability, endurance and strength for centuries. They have also provided us with companionship, freedom and protection. They inspire us with their beauty and their power- they are one of the most popular subjects of photographs and paintings, stories as well. They form strong family bonds not so unlike ours, and they take care of each other.

The Teddy Roosevelt herd of wild horses is the only herd in the state of North Dakota. These horses should be protected, treated with the respect they've earned and given the continued opportunity to thrive in their native lands. Their presence brings in ecotourism dollars from people like me who delight in their presence and care deeply about their well being. If these horses are culled or removed, I will never again spend my time or dollars in North Dakota. I hope you will do the right thing. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Kari Tenfjord