

Wild horses belong here. They deserve to be protected and remain free in their home. They are integral to the scenery, native wildlife, and wilderness qualities of the Park the landscape that inspired President Theodore Roosevelt and still inspires visitors today. The horses in the Park are descendants of the original Badland horses with historical lineages that trace all the way back to the horses surrendered by Sitting Bull in the late 1800s. They are North Dakotas only wild horse herd and should be protected as such. The herd must be kept at a minimum of 150 horses in order to ensure a genetically viable herd.

SCR 4014 will help support ecotourism and business development in North Dakota by protecting the horses and it is consistent with the wishes of 80 percent of Americans who want wild horses protected. These are public lands and the public overwhelmingly supports the freedom of these animals.

If the horses are removed, I will not spend tourism dollars in the state and will never visit the park. I urge you to vote YES on SCR 4014 to support humane, scientifically recommended methods of managing these wild horses on the public lands they call home.

Thank you,
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