

I strongly support SCR 4006 and urge the committee to pass this resolution to show that North Dakota stands behind the federal protection of the TRNP wild horses.

One of my dreams as I have traveled throughout the west in places like Utah, Nevada, Montana, and Arizona has been to see wild horses on the landscape. (I haven't been to the Dakotas yet but it's on my list!!) They are a symbol of the west, and mean so much to people like me who hold these spaces dear. What I see here in the southwest with how wild horses are inhumane rounded up by BLM is grotesque and disheartening. Without federal protection, the horses in your state could suffer the same fate. People travel from all over to see wild horses in many states, this can only help your state by bringing in tourism dollars. Who wouldn't want a chance otherwise see a mustang roaming the range?

Considering what is happening with the current administration and their plans for NPS, BLM, Fish & Wildlife, and so on, it is scary to think what would happen to these incredible animals. If they are willing to start ruining the environment for logging and drilling despite it impacting grizzlies, wolves, and other endangered animals, what do you think would happen to these horses? Slaughtered from a helicopter? Chased for miles until they collapsed from a heart attack? No animal deserves that.

I'm not from your state, I get it. I'm from a state you probably hate. But I love the animals in this country, and I love the parks we all get to share. I would hope you do too and would work hard to help get these wonderful horses protected. There is a way to responsibly manage this herd (and others across the US) and keep the ecosystem of the park functioning in a way to support all life there. Please, take the steps to get this process started.

Thank you for your time.

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