

Good Day

My name is Mary McDonald, I am writing in support of SCR 4006, regarding the wild horses of Theodore Roosevelt National Park. I am an advocate for keeping these national, historic treasures in the park for all to enjoy.

The horses have roots in the park even before the park was fenced and designed as a National Park. There is legacy that these horses may have been part of Theodore Roosevelt's own horses. In the past the horses have been designed as a historical value to the park. Not only is it a historical value, but an economical value. There are not many National Parks that offer visitors to see horses in native habitat, running free. Unlike the larger National Parks there seems to be a close symbiotic relationship between the state of North Dakota, the community of Medora and Theodore Roosevelt National Park, in which all three enjoy an economic value with the horses being a key to that relationship. Other parks offer bison, prairie dogs, Elk and pronghorn, but only Theodore Roosevelt offers the ability to see wild and free horses.

Please join me in supporting SCR 4006, to securing federal protection for the Theodore Roosevelt National Parks wild horses. Passing this resolution will be a critical step towards a long term solution.

Thank you.

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