

I am in SUPPORT of Federal Protections of all the Wild Horses and Burros living within the Teddy Roosevelt National Park. I love all Animals especially Horses! I'm an Equine Facilitated Psychotherapist and have done extensive research on how Horses and Burros, especially in the Wild, help heal humans, particularly military veterans considering their high rate of death by suicide. You can start an emotional and mental health and well being project for veterans upheld by veterans as a safe place to come for healing and being of service to such Noble Wild Horses! Serving and Protecting, with Honor, being part of a unit again, experiencing a sense of community and altruism, for a Just cause, would be very healing! And having Indigenous Nations lead the Way, on such Sacred Lands would be even more healing for all. We must save and protect Horses

and Burros. I travel across America and have visited Teddy Roosevelt National park, but was disappointed not seeing ANY Wild Horses, Burros, or Buffalo. Horses have lived "wild" in TRNP for generations and MILLIONS of Park visitors CHERISH these SENTIENT BEINGS as an integral part of the cultural heritage of the Badlands.

These Horses must be protected to preserve natural behaviors just as Teddy Roosevelt would have experienced. He would have seen stallions protecting their families, foals with their mothers and aunties, and the entire repertoire of natural "wild" horse behaviors.

To protect the GENETIC HEALTH of the herd and promote its genetic viability, the minimum population should be much higher than 150! I do not think there is an overpopulation of Horses, as I have not

seen one when I visited and looked out at the vast area of land. Not one! By allowing the Horses to use additional areas of the TRNP, the Herd CAN and SHOULD be managed at a MUCH HIGHER MINIMUM POPULATION LEVEL!