

My name is Sonja Stimmer. I am an advocate and fan/supporter of the wild horses in the American West. In fact, I constantly promote them in my position as publisher and editor of an international magazine about the American West.

This issue is important to me as for me and many of our international visitors the “wild Mustangs” are an American icon, they belong to the wild West. They do not – contrary to the constant denying of it – disturb anyone. They are loved, more than the farmers’ mass cattle productions.

In this case, too, the wild horses of Theodore Roosevelt National Park are a living symbol of America’s history and the legacy of President Theodore Roosevelt.

These horses contribute to North Dakota’s identity and heritage, attracting visitors and researchers from across the country.

Wild horses play a role in maintaining the park’s ecosystem, contributing to biodiversity and land management.

These horses have coexisted with the landscape for generations.

As mentioned above, the presence of wild horses attracts tourists, boosting North Dakota’s economy through travel, lodging, and local businesses.

Preserving these horses supports jobs related to tourism, photography, filmmaking, and local commerce.

Thousands of people from North Dakota and beyond have expressed their desire to see these horses protected.

Resolutions like SCR 4006 reflect the will of the people and the need for legislative action.

This is an ethical responsibility and humane treatment is absolutely called for. These horses deserve humane, science-based management rather than mass removal or elimination!

Acknowledging these horses as an integral part of the park’s landscape ensures their future for generations.

I am a strong supporter of SCR 4006 to secure federal protection for the horses. This resolution needs to be passed and it is a critical step toward a long-term solution.

Thank you for considering my opinion.