## These Horses Are a Living Tribute to Theodore Roosevelt

They symbolize Roosevelt's conservation legacy and the untamed spirit of the American West. Protecting them honors the park's namesake and his contributions to public land preservation.

## • They Have No Federal Protection

Unlike other wild horse herds, TRNP's horses are not covered under the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act. Without protection, they can be removed at any time.

## • Wild Horses Boost North Dakota's Economy

These horses are a major tourism draw, bringing visitors to Medora and surrounding areas. Their removal could negatively impact local businesses and jobs.

## Public Support Is Overwhelming

North Dakotans and people across the country want these horses protected. SCR 4006 will encourage the U.S. Congress to recognize and act on this broad support by passing federal legislation that ensures the TRNP wild horses are protected.

A North Dakota Wild Horse Working Group will promote humane wild horse conservation.

Modeled after Colorado's success, SB 2331 will create a North Dakota wild horse working group that would unite state officials, advocates, experts, and interested parties to ensure collaborative, humane, science-based conservation of the Theodore Roosevelt National Park wild horses, prevent removals, and provide long-term oversight.

NOTE: It has been found in the West that wild horses allowed to graze BLM land reduce the ability for wild fires. These animals are helping maintain our environment and Ecosystem, not destroying it. We need the government to stop thinking in this narrow box and see what it really going on with these horses and why BLM herding tactics started. And not to mention the millions of tax payer dollars being spent is ludicrous.

Since I started adopting wild horses in the 1970s, my friend's mother was Director of BLM for the West region at the time, shared with me that this process of corralling horses (intended for slaughter) was not based on science but ranchers that had a very power government official backing them was able to back a bill allowing the collection of wild horses.

I am in total favor of protecting these wild horses!

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