

SB 2331

Testimony of North Dakota Badlands Horse

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Good morning,

My name is Sherry Mills Moore, and I am the Vice President of North Dakota Badlands Horses (“NDBH”). NDBH is a 501(c)(3) formed in North Dakota in 2009 to continue the work of Marylu Weber, and others, who were tracking, advocating for and assisting the wild horses of Theodore Roosevelt National Park (“TRNP”).

NDBH supports SB 2331. This bill gives the state an opportunity to provide resources and input to TRNP to assure the care and welfare of the wild horses. Back when the national park system was looking into eliminating the horses the people spoke, as did you, and the Governor, and our Congressional delegation and it worked, the horses are still here. Now TRNP is making a plan for managing them. SB 2331 brings together the stakeholders and the experts to make recommendations for the management plan.

While supporting the bill, we do ask for an amendment. The words, “and nonlethal” should be removed from Paragraph 3. We would not want the state foreclosed from being able to make recommendations about putting down a horse who is suffering from a severe injury or disease. Any management plan needs to be able to include provisions to allow the same.

The amendment would read:

3. The working group may use management activities including birth control, removals, and permanent placement of horses after removal. All management activities must be humane ~~and nonlethal~~.

Thank you for your past support of the TRNP horses, and please support a “do pass” recommendation on SB 2331.