

To our legislators,

Please protect our country and its wild horses and burros (wolves as well!). This hearing is about the Working Group needed for wild horses at Theodore Roosevelt National Park. The past three years has been a nightmare for our wild horses- they continued to be under threat, with collars placed on them and used as guinea pigs for GonaCon.

GonaCon was not studied as much by scientists as PZP. PZP is a safe and temporary birth control. GonaCon has served to only sterilize the horses and put the mares out of season. This has resulted in horses such as Stallion Nichols and Mare Berkleigh birthing a foal, Colt Jasper, who died. He died because he was born in the brutal cold.

The collars were asked to be taken off and the park said they would. This however did not happen. The collars are hideous, unsafe, and restrict the horses' movement.

Roundups were attempted before 2022 but the public worked hard to keep the horses at Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Roundups create more problems, not only are they inhumane but also cause more population growth. The National Academy of Sciences states that Roundups exacerbate population growth. The same organization explains that birth control slows population growth and is the only solution that works. When horses are rounded up, they know they are lower in number. The horses make up for this by reproducing at a faster rate.

Please protect our beautiful, wild horses at Theodore Roosevelt National Park. They deserve it.

Thank you for your time.

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