

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. They need to be protected by establishing this group.

These horses are also a major tourism draw, bringing visitors to Medora and surrounding areas. Their removal could negatively impact local businesses and jobs. North Dakotans and people all 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. 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 that citizens want and these iconic animals need.

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.

Thank you for your consideration. I hope you will do the right thing.