

I would like to submit comments in favor of the North Dakota State Senate's resolution to save the wild horses in the Theodore Roosevelt National Park. I am strongly opposed to the removal of any of the wild horses located in TRNP.

The economies of towns around TRNP will suffer with the loss of tourist visits if the wild horses are removed, since those wild horses are the number one reason visitors come to the park.

The horses themselves are a Native species that has been observed in the area of TRNP for centuries. They were only fenced in when the park was formed. They are an historic herd of Nakota wild horses with unique genetics rarely found. These horses are the only wild horses roaming free in the state of North Dakota and should be considered a treasured resource.

Anything added to TRNP'S Environmental

Assessment must be done so with scientific and humane management of the wild horses in the park. They must also be designated as wildlife, not as livestock. There is clearly a difference between wild animals and domesticated animals.

Please do the right thing for all involved and leave the wild horses in TRNP.

Thank you for your consideration and the opportunity to comment.

