

To the Sagebrush Council,

As a Nevadan, I wish to comment on the Letter from the Coalition for Healthy Nevada Lands. The Organization purports to be greatly concerned about the environmental damages that the wild horses are causing, calling for their further roundup and removal. The Coalition does not indicate or quote any scientific studies that have recently been done to support their assertion. On the contrary, they cite the very Act that was put in place in 1971 to protect the Wild Horses and Burros!

Any mention of grazing animals on our public lands, without the mention of the millions of cattle and sheep, has to be regarded as highly suspicious. While I may not be an ecologist, I am an economist and this letter smacks of bias and special interest groups who would obviously prefer less competition to their grazing rights. I suggest, as a Nevadan, that our public lands be properly monitored and conserved. This would involve unbiased, independent evaluation by qualified ecologists who do not in any way monetarily derive benefit from these horse roundups. Nevada needs to return to the true spirit of the Wild Horse and Burro Act, which was to provide these animals with a place to live!

Thank you,
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