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As new findings show from the most prominent paleontology laboratories, wild horses, evolved originally in Nevada. You see the fossils for yourself. At the very last ice age, conditions forced wild horses, not 2 foothigh ones, but the regular-size ones, **over the exposed land** between North America and Asia. Then these wild Nevadans, wild horses, indigenous to Nevada, were returned- now domesticated- to the North American continent by the conquistadors of Spain.

Somebody may assume the Nevada wild horse is feral, is even a invasive species. Incorrect. If you hear them say mustangs, you must correct them too. A Mustang is a Spanish word for escaped horse. The history goes back further than that. History is in Nevada where the wild horse evolved tens of millions of years ago- in concert with human evolution. None of such fossils are found on the European and Asian continents.

All money makers,- the ranchers, the cattle producers of our delicious steaks, the mineral extractors, fossil fuel companies fueling our cars, should include wild horses in their mindset bc at the present time they do not account for them. Horses are THE heritage of the land. **They are not money makers**. But They are terribly significant for history. They evolved in tandem with humans - millions of years backwards in history in Nevada. THEY ARE NOT MONEY MAKERS. No, they are an irritant to ranchers and extractors and ATV-users.

Those of us who are not native American can look this in the face and admit that the wild horses indigenously predated us by 10's of thousands even millions of years.

In Nevada.

Wild horses are gardeners of the soil eating certain grasses that the wildfires are started by. They distribute planting seeds from their droppings. Their droppings come from ONE stomach not several like cows. Wild horse droppings are best manure for living plants. The burros, who have the same heritage of evolution in Nevada, spontaneously dig wells with their hooves. they make the ponds and pools for other animals even the cows. They don't even eat the same grasses the cows eat. They chase off predators of cows. Horses don't defecate nor urinate in bodies of water but cows do.

Using their unique senses, burros find the underground water tables. They use their hooves to reveal them. (I can show you several videos demonstrating this.)

Wild horses have fostered plants, small animals, Mother nature, for tens of thousands,-millions of years.

A boy posted on social media that he killed a wild foal with his ATV. Yet the legislators get their votes from ATV-drivers. Videos show electric prods put on the faces of the reluctant stallions to get them into the trucks. Videos show wild horses fall in the trucks as trucks start and as they go over bumps. Videos show 10% of the horses die being run into fences of the catch pen. Their eyes are gouged. The foals are left behind on the range to die of starvation. The pregnant mares are run to death. The stallions jump and jump the 8 foot round up pen, and fall to death. The horses break their legs slamming into the fences getting into the pens.

This is a prey animal, just as veterinarians will tell you that your pet rabbit is a prey animal. It has with a very vulnerable and sensitive nervous system. It is 100 times more sensitive than ours.

The State Agricultural Committee of all our State Congresses n Dept of Ag are the only ones deciding policy on our wild horses. 100% composition of these agricultural committees are made up of ranchers. They dictate every feature on how wild horses develop a destiny. Destiny of meat companies. A historical committee should be dictating these wild horses, not the financial lives of ranchers.

Legislators have no interest in preserving the wild horse and burros. Corporations have voice. Money has voice. This agenda here takes no account of the truthes of the wild horse importance. The author of the letter has asked his grad students to find only his views. There were no scientific comments or any facts in the letter yet you endorse it? You must be ashamed. He said trappers never saw horses before a certain date. Others

had. He said the horses of Nevada that evolved HERE were a small, different species from today's horses, which is FALSE. THEY ARE THE SAME. He said horses wander 10 miles, but they wander far over 30 miles. The facts only from the comments should show you the "letter" was a pretentious falsehood. Wild horses are tiny and 1/5 the weight of a cow. The people mandated to manage horses should NOT be 100% ranchers. They don't just control the committees- each and every one of them is a long-time rancher.

Your endorsing Dr Sherman Swanson's letter is scandalous.

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