PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT TO HELP SAVE AMERICA'S LAST REMAINING WILD HORSES AND BURROS IN THE WILD

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Our public lands today are being taken over by overly subsidized ranchers, and America's last remaining wild horses and burros are being swiftly displaced by hordes of domesticated livestock as well as other exploiters of the public lands. Several million cattle and sheep are being given – or allowed to illegally take – the great majority of the forage and water even within the millions of acres of legal habitats of the wild horses and burros. This is contrary to the unanimously passed Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act that is being shamelessly subverted and made a mockery of because of lack of law enforcement!

Those of us who still possess an alive conscience must rise up and assert the rights of the wild horses and burros to adequate, year-round habitat to sustain long-term-viable populations, or herds. And people must stop messing with their most intimate reproductive systems. This causes them terrible suffering and disrupts their social bonds. It counters natural selection and impedes their ability to survive!

On BLM and US Forest Service lands less than 100,000 wild horses and burros survive throughout the West. This compares with millions of deer, elk and other hunted animals, while their natural predators, such as mountain lions, wolves, bears and coyotes are cruelly exterminated by million of dollars of taxpayer money given to Animal Services and other such agencies. The predators are the natural balancers and toners

of the species upon which they prey. Disequilibrium in the life community ensues when they are removed!

All this sick, sadistic and ignorant situation must simply stop!

The wild horses and burros are natural gardeners who restore ecosystems. They are preyed upon and scavenged when they pass on. They seed many plants species, including natives, and enrich soils – all through their droppings. They open thickets and break ice-crusted forage plants or iced-over water sources. And they also sniff out underground water and paw down to it creating natural pools. All this wonderful natural behavior makes food and water accessible for small, weaker animals. They create desert oases upon which a great number and variety of amazing animals as well as plants depend. The horses and burros are returned native keystone species for entire ecosystems throughout the West! This has been proven by meticulous and honest scientific studies lasting many years.

We must stop the obnoxious disinformation campaigns – the lies about the wild horses and burros! These equids are deeply rooted North American natives whose comeback replenishes and revitalizes the land and all its interrelated life forms.

Importantly, they greatly combat Global Warming by sequestering Carbon from the atmosphere and to a greater degree than do the cloven-hoofed ruminant herbivores, which they actually help due to the contributions they make ecosystems. In related fashion, they munch down dry flammable vegetation including in remote, rocky, and steep areas where dry tinder builds up without them – and this prevents catastrophic wildfires that threaten us all!

The horses and burros are beautiful and inspiring, highly evolved, sensitive and intelligent presences who deserve to live free in complete

and natural habitats that are left intact and not monopolized by domestic cattle and sheep or overrun by Off-Highway-Vehicles, or chewed up by mining operations or plastered by drilling operations, etc.

Wild horses and burros increase the vibrational level of life on Earth when allowed to just be themselves in Nature! They have been here for millions of years and for several thousand years have greatly helped us humans get to where we are today.

And, so, I ask you: isn't it now high time we do something truly good for them?! Like just letting them be themselves, live and run free and – I hasten to add – have a world in which to do so!

This, my fellow humans, is the true spirit and intent of the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act, but we must stop the outrageous, unjustified, and exceedingly cruel helicopter and other type roundups of the wild horses and burros now in order to preserve their genetic integrity, ecological adaptations, and treasured heritage bloodlines! We must do this before the monster roundups have totally obliterated them throughout the West. And the arrogant and know-it-all public lands ranchers, hunters, miners, energy and land developers, and other misled detractors must pull in their horns and learn to share the land and freedom with these Great Blessings on Earth – the free and inspiring, naturally living horses and burros! This is our true and moral challenge today!

We must act Now! If my impassioned yet scientifically grounded speech has stirred your concern, then send in the best comment you can to the National Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board at this email:

blm wo advisory board comments@blm.gov. And if possible, show up at their meeting in Reno on any or all of the following days: Wednesday June 28, Thursday June 29 and Friday June 30, 2023 at the Whitney Peak Hotel, 255 N. Virginia St., Reno, Nevada. In order to speak either

by Zoom or in person, you must register right away. Do this at least three days in advance by going to https://www.blm.gov/programs/wild-horse-and-burro/get-involved/advisory-board