



# APACHE NATIONAL FOREST

THIS IS A RIPARIAN AREA IN ITS NATURAL STATE





**AZSFWC and 30 Organizations Support the Humane Removal  
of Unauthorized Livestock from the Apache National Forest**

**Center Biological Diversity**  
**Arizona Wildlife Federation**  
Anglers United  
AZ Antelope Foundation  
AZ Bass Nation  
AZ Big Game Super Raffle  
AZ Chapter of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers  
AZ Chapter of Safari Club International  
AZ Council of Trout Unlimited  
AZ Deer Association  
AZ Desert Bighorn Sheep Society  
AZ Elk Society  
AZ Flycasters Club  
AZ Houndsmen's Association  
AZ Outdoor Adventures  
AZ Outdoor Sports  
AZ Predator Callers  
AZ State Chapter of National Wild Turkey Federation  
Ben Avery Clay Busters  
Christian Hunters of America  
Diablo Trust  
Maricopa Audubon Society  
Mogollon Sporting Association  
Mule Deer Foundation  
No Excuse Hunting and Outdoors  
Outdoor Experience 4 All  
Southern AZ Quail Forever  
Southwest Wildlife Foundation  
SRT Outdoors  
The Bass Federation of AZ  
Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership  
Valley of the Sun Quail Forever  
Yuma Valley Rod and Gun Club

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## WHY ARE WE REQUESTING THE *HUMANE REMOVAL* OF THE HORSES?

In 2011, The Wallow fire consumed vast portions of the Apache National Forest. It also destroyed parts of the White Mountain Apache Tribal lands (WMAT). With the fire, the boundary fences between the WMAT and the Apache National Forest were destroyed.

During the next 11 years, horses from the WMAT came over to the Apache National Forest and migrated to the portions of the riparian areas that are home to the New Mexico Meadow Jumping Mouse and a recovery area for the Apache trout.

The photos that have been provided were taken by Dr. Robin Silver from the Center For Biological Diversity during 2019 and 2021. He documented that over 80% of the tracks and droppings were from horses.

While horse advocates may try to claim that the horses were there for centuries, the truth is that they have migrated from tribal lands since the Wallow fire to the forest and need to be removed.

During extensive studies for the Wild Horse and Burro act in 1971 and 1973, there was no evidence of wild / feral horses on the Apache National Forest. The feral horses are growing in numbers each year and the head count exceeds over 400 animals.

The habitat degradation that they have caused is severe and removal is the only means of rebuilding these areas for all wildlife.





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**THIS IS THE HABITAT  
DESTRUCTION  
CAUSED BY FERAL HORSES**

***THIS IS WHY ALL THESE GROUPS SUPPORT THE HUMANE REMOVAL  
OF UNAUTHORIZED LIVESTOCK FROM THE APACHE NATIONAL FOREST***