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The Honorable Charles F. "Chuck" Sams III  
Director  
National Park Service  
1849 C Street NW  
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Director Sams:

I write to request that the National Park Service (NPS) extend the public comment period regarding the draft environmental assessment (EA) for Theodore Roosevelt National Park's Livestock Management Plan. Thank you for your consideration.

As you are aware, wild horses at Theodore Roosevelt National Park have existed in the park for decades, consistent with the historic scene during Theodore Roosevelt's time in North Dakota. Given the significant interest in maintaining wild horses at the park, members of the public should have ample opportunity to fully review the draft EA and provide meaningful input on any proposed changes to the management plan.

Currently, the comment period is scheduled to close on October 25, 2023. A 30-day extension of the comment period is necessary to ensure members of the public are able to contribute to a well-informed decision related to the future management of wild horses at the park.

Wild horses have long been noted as historically significant to the ranching and conservation legacy of Theodore Roosevelt, and I look forward to continuing to work with you on a solution that maintains wild horses in the park for future generations to enjoy. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



John Hoeven  
U.S. Senator

CC:

Bert Frost, Director, Midwest Region, National Park Service  
Angie Richman, Superintendent, Theodore Roosevelt National Park