

National Park Service U.S. Department of the Interior Theodore Roosevelt National Park Date: 06/09/2017

# **Memo To File**

#### **A. Project Information**

Park Name: Theodore Roosevelt National Park
PEPC Project Number: 73399
Project Title: Sale of Feral Horses Under GSA Authority
Project Location:
County, State: Billings, North Dakota District, Section: NDAL,

Project Leader: Blake McCann

## B. Description of the Current Action (Project Description)

Beginning summer 2017, the park will transfer horses to private citizens under GSA excess property management authority specifically designed for animals. Park staff will capture horses using low-stress herding and tranquilizer darting techniques. The horses will be held at park corral facilities where they will receive veterinary care, brand inspection, and health certification. The animals will be reported to GSA as excess property, where they will be advertised and sold through public auction on a federal government website. Online property profiles will include photographs, a physical description, a statement of handling requirements, and notification that the animals are untrained. Before being allowed to place bids on auctions, all parties will be required to complete a statement of intent document requiring that animals will be housed in a secure environment and that their health will be maintained. Options for any animals not purchased at auction may include negotiated sale or donation through contingency GSA procedures.

### C. Description of Previous Compliance Documentation

Decision Document Name: Decision Document PEPC ID: Decision Document Approval Date:

### D. Notes

1978 Feral Horse Reduction EA has been uploaded to PEPC project 73399.

### E. Conclusion

I certify that the existing NPS NEPA document has been reviewed and there are no substantive differences between the current proposal and its associated environmental impacts and the proposal and impacts as described in the existing NEPA document and associated decision document.

Superintendent: Date: Wendy Hart Ross

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