

BUFFALO STRIP OPTIONS

Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

BLM's Resource Management PLAN (RMP) Update May Ruin Rural Placitas with Mining, Highways and More: HOWEVER, the horses can save it.

The 3000 acre BLM lands on the north side of Placitas (Buffalo Strip) and the 1000 acre BLM lands on the east end of Placitas (Crest of Montezuma) are part of the last viable wildlife corridor off the Sandia Mountain, a part of the Rocky Mountain wildlife corridor which stretches from Canada to Mexico. The 3000 acre BLM land is also prime open space, hiking, and habitat for the historic and culturally important Native Wild Spanish Horses of Placitas. These open spaces and wild horses are also a main reason that many have bought their homes here. Realtors smartly use the wild horses in their ads.

Importantly, Placitan PUBLIC comments in favor of these horses on the BLM lands, can no longer be ILLEGALLY IGNORED by our NM Federal Senators and Representatives/BLM. As simply wildlife OR as protected wildlife, it does not matter in this instance. Up until now, **Placitans have been disenfranchised and their speech CHILLED as "out of scope"**. Importantly, *the overwhelming majority of the actual stake holders in this federal process are Placitans with about 6000 and the honorable Pueblo of San Felipe with about 3000. San Felipe has repeatedly declared that these horses are wild and has clearly stated to our government, since 1770, that they are not livestock! YES, SINCE 1770!*

NM Federal Representatives: These two BLM parcels and another 200 acre parcel by the Overlook subdivision are up for grabs for mining, development and a highway in the BLM's Rio Puerco Resource Management Plan Update (RMP). Only our federal representatives can decide between the entities vying for these lands. Unfortunately, they have shown themselves to be pre-disposed to a politically expedient outcome and have gone to indefensible lengths to achieve it. READ ON!

BUFFALO STRIP OPTIONS—Summary: The local media consistently steers you, the public, toward the Santa Ana Pueblo and the San Antonio de Las Huertas Land Grant (SADLH Land Grant). Their joint proposal will *not* allow the horses to remain and will *not* preserve the open spaces for the overwhelming majority "as promised". Along with the option of these two entities, comes the I40 highway precursor, a road to northern Placitas AND mining. However, if you do enjoy our open spaces and the wild horses that grace them, the San Felipe Pueblo plans a Wild Horse Sanctuary with public access for perpetuity, with no mining or highway.

OPTION I: SAN FELIPE PUEBLO:

– **WILD HORSE SANCTUARY** – **Wildlife Corridor** & Open Space. No mining and no highway but YES to Public Access and YES to wild horse management utilizing reversible PZP - Immuno-contraception as recommended by the National Academy of Science (NAS)!

OPTION 2A: SADLH Land Grant:

- **NO WILD HORSES, NO Wildlife Corridor, NO Open Spaces, A SOLAR FARM, a redundant Spanish Museum (Las Golandrinas Style of nearby Santa Fe), & a Big Parking Lot.** Also included: a ROAD to Northern Placitas through this BLM, touted as a "fire exit" that was deemed unnecessary by Fire Chief, Bud Brinkerhoff, but will likely be justified by this Museum for the BIG PARKING LOT. SADLH rejected a community minded offer from the San Felipe Pueblo. More on that on page 5.



Note: See page 6 Current Highway Plans through Placitas.

OPTION 2B: SANTA ANA Pueblo: - SMALL Open Space, No Public Access, plus SADLH Land Grant Museum & Solar Farm & Parking Lot with Highway Precursor. NO WILD HORSES allowed but.... If horses show up?!! In September of 2015, this Pueblo sent 14 horses to Cattlemen's Auction and left them there for likely slaughter. Luckily, the Pueblo of San Felipe found out, negotiated for their lives, and rescued them! This less than 1000 acre "Open Space" would not be able to function as a wildlife corridor or wildlife connection under 125, and it would have a mining strip next to it, and would be landlocked except for the highway precursor running through it.

OPTION MINING 2A,B,C - The two "Grazing Permittees" applied for gravel mining permits in 2006, and others have likely applied since then. One "grazing" permittee is the owner of the Waycor Mine property and has allowed the round up of Juan's band on his property. He is also on the Board of Coronado Soil and Water "Conservation" District which is currently working illegally to get rid of the wild horses in their **clandestine AREA PLAN. See page 7A.**

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