WHY the San Felipe Pueblo SHOULD

REGAIN the Buffalo Strip





President Roosevelt-EXECUTIVE ORDER For San Felipe Pueblo

Proposed: San Felipe Pueblo has proposed a Wild Horse Sanctuary on the entire 3000 acre Buffalo strip and committed to manage the wild horses using PZP contraceptive, no slaughter, no highway, no mining, AND public access in perpetuity! In so doing the Pueblo of San Felipe has thoughtfully turned away from mining. Here's WHY? =>

The San Felipe Pueblo declared the wild horses as NOT Livestock as far back as 1770. They also declared to the BLM in 2004 that the horses are Cultural Historic Properties. They have also repeatedly declared the horses WILD.

The Pueblo of San Felipe is not making it up when they say that <u>these legally WILD horses are Culturally-Religiously, important to them. WHOA's research before Placitas was even founded, has proven that the honorable San Felipe Pueblo has been telling our government the truth for at least 246 years. The BLM has illegally IGNORED their responsibility to the San Felipe Pueblo by hiding this Cultural declaration.</u>

First Americans here believe that people came from the center of the earth; however, horses were first seen on the Sun! History shows that when the horses came back with the Spanish, the First Americans AL-READY remembered them and had knowledge of them as SACRED. <u>This is their religion, their "custom and their culture" and MUST be legally taken into account in the BLM's federal process.</u>

Note: Every federal and state government agency is legally tasked with protecting and preserving First American Culture and Religion. This includes the SADLH Land Grant which a political subdivision of the state.

By declaring the wild horses as cultural historic properties, the San Felipe Pueblo stopped a BLM round up on the 3000 acre BLM (Buffalo Strip). However, against a number of federal and state laws, *this declaration has been hidden and has been illegally ignored. Even worse, since July of 2001, our local BLM opened up a log documenting their illegal meetings with the San Felipe Pueblo. These meetings were an illegal attempt to coerce this Pueblo to go against their culture - religion, to consider these horses as livestock. NOW, the BLM has the strong appearance of RETALIATION against this honorable Pueblo.*

For example, the San Felipe Pueblo recently SAVED 14 wild horses (September 2015) from the Cattlemen's Auction House which the Santa Ana Pueblo had DUMPED there. You may ask: Why does NOT the Santa Ana Pueblo believe the same as do the Pueblos of San Felipe and Santo Domingo, per the records in 1770? Records show that the Pueblo of Santa Ana was not even there in 1770. They were west, up the Jemez River.

The lands granted to the Pueblos and Land Grants were accomplished by executive order and congressional acts. The San Felipe Pueblo later filed an aboriginal claim to the Buffalo Strip BLM lands (some 30 years ago.) Conquistador maps concur with their claim. They show that the San Felipe Pueblo was here at the Rio Grande, on the BLM and on both sides of the river in 1602. The Pueblo of Santa Ana was shown historically far to the west, up the Jemez River. Clearly the Pueblo of San Felipe has the valid aboriginal claim to Buffalo Strip.

Importantly, President Theodore Roosevelt backs up the San Felipe Aboriginal claim to the 3000 acre BLM lands in his 1902 Executive Order. President Roosevelt states that, though the San Felipe Pueblo may be losing some lands to the US government, if in the future ANY of these lands comes up for public disposal, these lands SHALL go back to the Pueblo of San Felipe. There is no Executive Order like this for any other Pueblo.

EXECUTIVE ORDER White House, June 13, 1902:

President Theodore Roosevelt

"It is hereby ordered"... "That if at any time the lands covered by any valid claim shall be relinquished to the United States or the claims lapse, or the entry be cancelled for any cause whatever, such lands SHALL be added to and become part of the reservation for the Pueblo of San Felipe ..."

WILDLIFE CORRIDOR at San Felipe Pueblo

This Pueblo has 4 very large wildlife corridors under I25, and can, and currently does, provide connectivity to the Jemez, Ortiz, Sangre de Cristo, Sandia Mts., and the Rio Grande River for ALL of the wildlife. These corridors allow wild horses, as well as many other animals, to pass freely under I25.

WATER FOR WILDLIFE ON THE BUFFALO STRIP

The San Felipe Pueblo has recently drilled a new water well adjacent to the 3000 acre BLM that can/will serve as a water source for the Wild Horse Sanctuary and wildlife corridor on the 3000 acre BLM.

WHAT YOU CAN DO—TO STOP MINING & HIGH-WAYS on the BUFFALO STRIP: SEE PAGE 7B

Note: Perennial springs run throughout Placitas. However, development, roads, and fencing (for domestic use) have complicated wildlife movement. Hence many people kindly put out water for the wildlife/corridor through our mountain community. This is not illegal and is a property right, despite various anonymous-bully threats posted w/o permission on Federal Postal properties and people's homes.