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PLACITAS: Home of the Legally Wild Horses

**Support a Wild Horse Park:  
 Submit a BLM RMP Scoping Comment Form**



## Placitas Corridor Options

**Wild Horse/Life Corridor**  
 BLM

**Highway Corridor**  
 I25 to Rt 14 thru Placitas

**Energy Corridor**  
 .7miles wide thru Placitas

The **Bureau of Land Management (BLM)** is asking for public comment from all Placitans, New Mexicans, and any US communities on the Proposed West-Wide Energy Corridor's associated BLM Resource Management Plan Updates (RMP). There are many options for the 5000 acre Placitas BLM, each of which will shape the future of Placitas (see map and survey on back for more info/options, please fill out the survey and send it in if you have not already done so).

Both the Energy Corridor and the Highway Corridor would not only pass through the BLM, they would also continue on through Placitas consuming Placitas homes & neighborhoods, and disrupting the rural atmosphere for those remaining. Please see the schedule of public meetings below and attend if at all possible. The complete BLM RMP four year timeline was posted at the Placitas Public meeting and at the BLM website.

It is WHOA's premise that **having an official Wild Horse Park (state or federal) will increase the property values long-term for all property owners in Placitas.** That Heritage Tourism accounts for 81% of all tourism and that tourism is the 2nd largest industry in the US and in NM. NM Tourism is a 2.5 Billion dollar industry, as per the BLM, and is an integral component of Rural Economic Development.

**May 31st: Last Day for Public Comment for this stage of the BLM Resource Management Plan Update (RMP)**

**State Your Support for a Wild Horse Park on the Placitas-area BLM in your BLM RMP Public Scoping Comment Form**

## Wild Horse State/Federal Park Gaining Momentum

**Representative Tom Udall Offers Support For a Wild Horse Park on the Placitas-area BLM**

Representative Tom Udall is very aware and supportive of our interest in setting aside the Placitas BLM for a wildlife corridor and Wild Horse Park. As a long-time conservationist, he is currently looking at ways to work with the BLM to help make this happen. He has received the first box of copies of **signed WHOA surveys & Coalition letters (over 500) with over 100 business and organizations,** local & statewide, who have joined The Placitas Coalition to keep the Placitas BLM an open space for wildlife and the community of Placitas.

Representative Udall has also supported WHOA's efforts around the state over the last 6 yrs. Special thanks must also go to Sarah Cobb at his Rio Rancho office who has been here for us on the ground and attended Placitas Coalition meetings with the BLM and is providing the necessary follow-up for us all.

**Komadina Passes NM Wild Horse Park Bills Requests Fiscal Analysis for the Placitas-area BLM**

**Please thank SENATOR KOMADINA for his continued leadership and championship of this cause for Placitas & the State of NM**

This legislative session NM State Senator Komadina successfully carried 2 more bills for WHOA requesting the State to perform a fiscal analysis by the NM State Parks Department on the acquisition (without purchase cost) of the Placitas BLM lands for preservation, as the NM Wild Horse State Park, under the federal Public Parks and Purposes Act. To help accomplish this, WHOA has secured a nationally renowned herd management specialist and an Environmental company to assist in the analysis and planning for this option.

The **Back-up Plan** to a Wild Horse Park includes keeping the BLM an open space, as an ACEC, or by withdrawing it from all permit processes, etc.

Donations to WHOA can be sent in the attached envelope

# Survey: Placitas BLM Resource Management Plan Update

Fill out and return this survey on your preferred use for the Placitas-area BLM (if you have not already sent one in). Some choices may be compatible, so if you choose more than one, place a "1" for your primary choice

- Wildlife / Wild Horse Open Space/Park (numbers based on forage)
- Real Estate Development (5,000+ Homes)
- Gravel Pit/Mining (3 applications pending)
- Gravel Pit/Mining + Real Estate Develop.
- ATV Park (2 inquiries no applications)
- Shooting Range
- Cattle Grazing
- Oil and Gas Development
- Commercial Development
- Highway Route
- Energy/Pipeline Corridor
- Native American Property (possibly as Open Space for Wildlife w/ local access)
- Native American Property for Bus. Dev.
- Spanish Land Grant Property
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ If Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Signatures \_\_\_\_\_

Print Names \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Add our names to the Placitas Coalition

**Additional Information for WHOA (your email address will not be shared):**

WHOA may contact me at this email address: \_\_\_\_\_

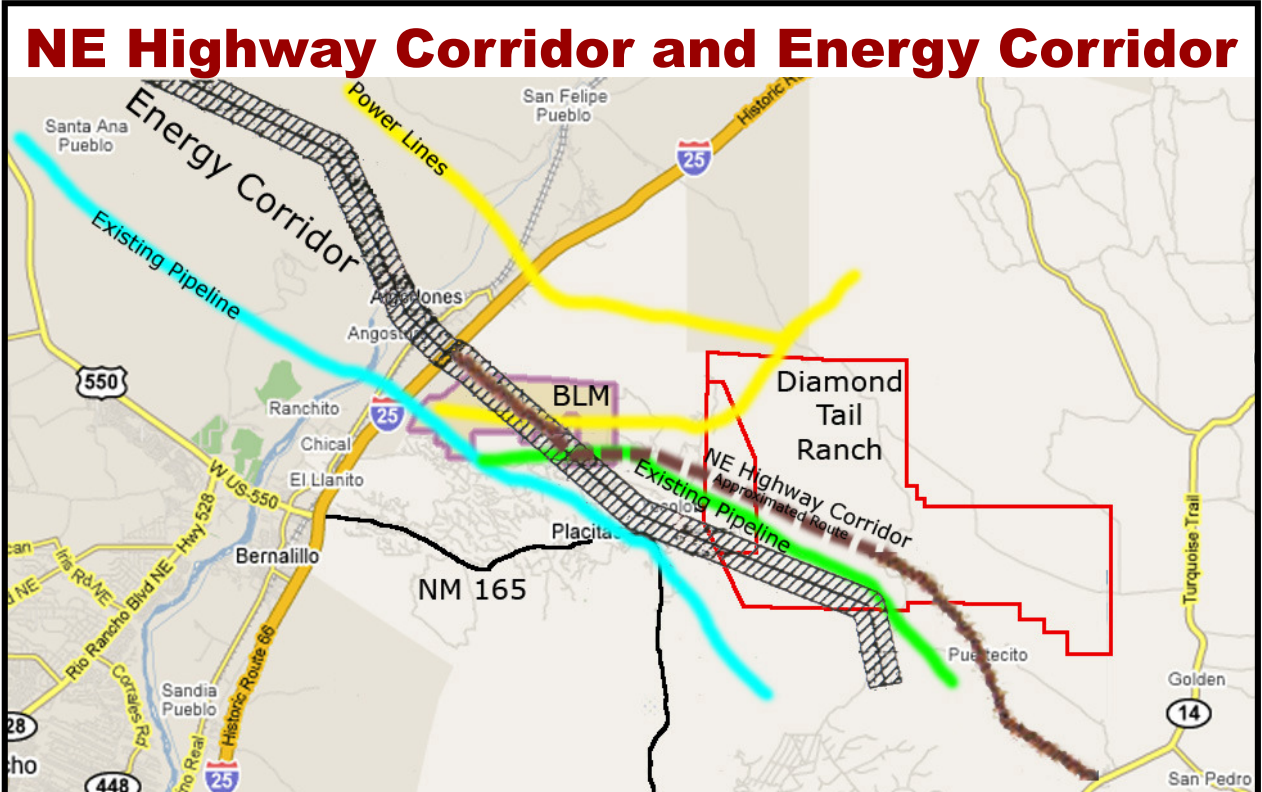
- Please return the completed survey to WHOA, PO Box 932, Placitas, NM 87043. WHOA will scan in the surveys and convey them to the BLM. You may contact the BLM directly if you wish to verify your inputs were accurately tallied.
- There are currently 2500 homes in Placitas. How will 5,000 to 10,000 more homes affect the water table, traffic, and wildlife corridors?

## Survey Results (To Date)

98% of respondents to the WHOA survey want a Wildlife/ Wild Horse Open Space/Park.

This survey was sent bulk mail to all of Placitas and is being sent out to all again, now that there is further public data out on the Energy Corridor and Highway Corridor.

This survey has been accepted by the BLM as data for their RMP.



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