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PLACITAS: Home of the Legally Wild Horses

I-25 Traffic Coming to the East Mountain?
Submit a BLM RMP Scoping Comment Form and Complete the Survey

I-25 thru Placitas to East Mtn Corridor Options

Wild Horse/Life Corridor or **NE Highway Corridor** or **Energy Corridor**
BLM **I-25 to Rt 14** **.7miles wide**

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is asking for public comment from Sandia's East Mountain communities, regarding their Resource Management Plan Update (RMP) for lands including the BLM in Placitas. This RMP Update will have significant impact on the rural lifestyle of the East Mtns and Placitas, due to **Sandoval County's proposed Connecting Rd/NE Hwy Corridor** from I-25, through the Placitas-area BLM and connecting to Rt14, as well as due to the Congressionally approved **West-Wide Energy Corridor**.

The Public comment period regarding the NE Corridor/Connecting Rd and other options for the Placitas BLM is formally open until May 31st. Please fill out BLM Public Comment Form (link at whoanm.org). **Also, fill out the WHOA survey** (other side).

It's WHOA's premise that obtaining the 5000 acre BLM as a wildlife/wild horse corridor/park would permanently block plans for a NE Hwy Corridor. To this end, the property could be obtained as a state or locally owned park under the Public Parks and Purposes Act, or as a backup plan, there are other means within the BLM's conservation system to utilize it for the wildlife and wild horses.

How does this affect the East Mountain Communities? The NE Hwy Corridor will bring I-25 traffic that is trying to bypass Albuquerque's Big-I and Tijeras Canyon, including heavy truck traffic and possibly hazardous waste. Both the NE Hwy and Energy Corridors will consume homes and neighborhoods in its path, utilizing eminent domain, and disrupting the rural atmosphere for those who remain.

The complete BLM RMP four year timeline is posted at the BLM website and at <http://www.whoanm.org>, where you can also get more information on the Wildlife/Wild Horse, NE Hwy, and Energy Corridor proposals.

Representatives Weigh in on Wild Horses/Wildlife (The Peoples Choice)

Federal Representatives

Udall, Pearce, and Wilson, have **NOT taken a stand FOR** the peoples choice- a Wildlife/Wild Horse Corridor/Park, or **AGAINST** the Connecting Rd, Mining, nor the Energy Corridor; although Udall has helped in the past. Citizens have been left fending for themselves vs. 3 ominous threats to the environment and their chosen rural lifestyle.

Candidates for District 22 State Representative:

Janice Saxton: President of the Democratic Women of Sandoval Co., joined the Placitas Coalition in support of the peoples choice. She has written strong support for the Wild Horses/Wildlife to the BLM and wore a Wild Horse Sticker at the recent Placitas meeting.

Dr Dan Salzwedel: Has committed to support the peoples choice. "Anytime we can show sensitivity to the animals/environment.."

Kathy McCoy: Opposes the Connecting Rd, however has not stated an alternative, which WHOA fears leaves the BLM open for Mining, and development etc. She did not wear wild horse sticker.

Candidates for District 19 State Senate:

Jason Burnette: Has written strong support for the peoples choice to the BLM as an Attorney at Law, and as a Candidate.

Sue Wilson Beffort: She was shocked at the lack of info from Sandoval Co. and had just heard of the "Loop Rd.". Wore a Wild Horse Sticker at a recent Placitas meeting.

Is a Connecting Road Needed?

Reasons Given by Sandoval County (and our response):

- Congestion in Bernalillo:** A two tier road system through Bernalillo could resolve this, whereas a connecting road to Rt14 would certainly worsen the problem by funneling more traffic into the area.
- Congestion in Placitas:** Placitas strongly denied this as fictional. Also, widening of Hwy165 would be preferable to a NE Corridor Hwy.

Fire Chief Bud Brinkerhoff statement; There is no need for additional ingress/egress for Placitas. When there is we can widen Hwy165.

ABQ Bypass Needed for WIPP, Truckers etc?- Sen. Komadina stated to the BLM that both the Connecting Rd and Energy Corridor should be north of Rt22, connect to Moriarty, and avoid Rt14 and Cedar Crest area.

WHOA Survey of Placitas; Less than 0.5% want the "Loop Rd."

Who would benefit from this Sandoval County proposal? It appears the answer is out-of-state developers. Recent studies concluded that a Loop Rd proposal need not be looked at for another 20 yrs. So we ask, what about the people's choice, what about the people who live in these communities now?

Donations to WHOA can be sent in the attached envelope

Survey: Placitas-area BLM Resource Management Plan Update

Fill out and return this survey on your preferred use for the Placitas-area BLM, the use of which will have a profound impact on both Placitas and the East Mountain communities.

I want the following: (Write "YES" or "NO" before each statement)

- ___ To Support the Placitas Coalition's efforts for all the animals and open spaces where they exist.
- ___ To Support the Pathways Wild life Corridor efforts for the Sandia Mt Area.
- ___ To End the possibility of a Connecting Rd through the Placitas BLM I25 to RT 14. To accomplish this, the following is needed:
 - Land Tenure Adjustments for the Placitas-area BLM lands
 - For Disposal as a State Park
 - No Right-of-Ways or Easements through the Placitas-area BLM lands
 - No further lands acquired by the BLM in Unit 5
 - No Real Estate Development
 - Placitas public lands should be excluded from energy and mineral development as an Urban Wildlife interface (No travertine development, no sand and gravel development, no development of landscaping materials, no uranium development, no oil and gas exploration, and associated roads and communications.

- ___ A Connecting Rd through the Placitas BLM
- ___ To End the possibility of an Energy Corridor through the Placitas BLM and reroute it at or north of Rt22.
- ___ To Reject the proposed West-wide Energy Corridor and associated easements coming through the East Mtn residential areas south of Rt22.
- ___ The Town of Tejon to be acquired by the State of New Mexico for the San Antonio de Las Huertas Land Grant for Heritage Tourism purposes rather than real estate development which increases pressure for a connecting road and associated increases in water demands.
- ___ To Support Cultural and Historical Rural Economic Development efforts associated with the San Antonio de Las Huertas Land Grant.
- ___ To Support Cultural and Historical Rural Economic Development efforts associated with the Native American Cultures.

Other: I Want _____

I Don't Want _____

Date _____ If Organization _____

Signatures _____

Print Names _____

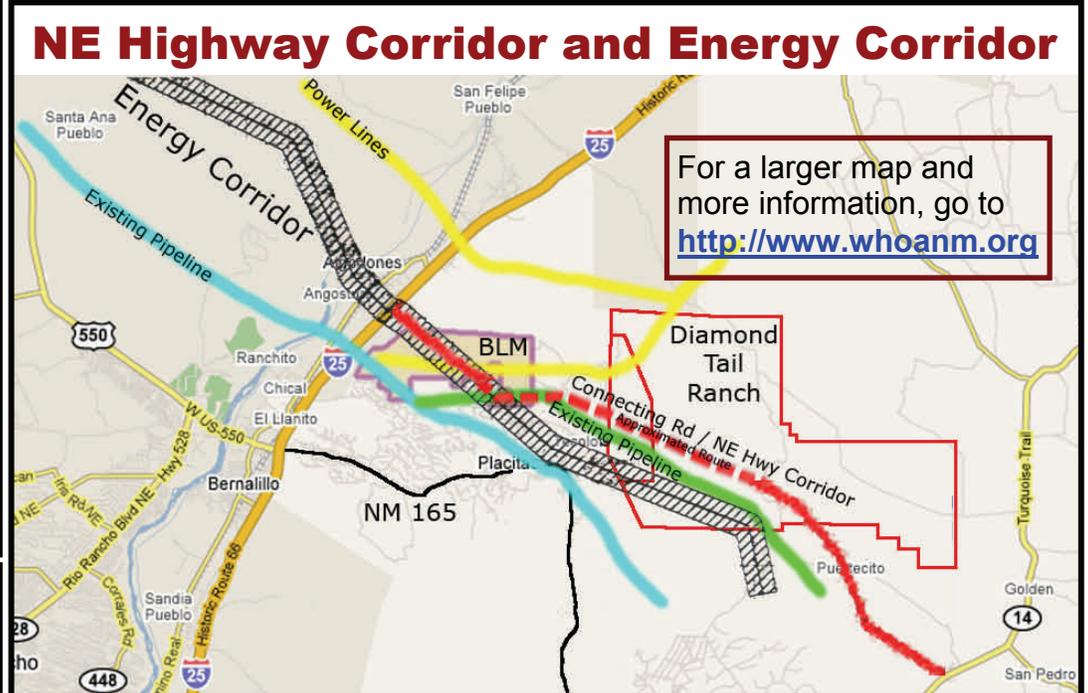
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Add our names to the Placitas Coalition

WHOA may contact me at this email address: _____

1. 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.
2. This survey has been created with inputs from Rio Puerco BLM District office. It is meant to be an inclusive survey, allowing inputs from all residents (it is being distributed by bulk mail to the Placitas, Cedar Crest and Sandia Park mail routes) and for all viewpoints ("Other" category can be used to provide inputs for options not listed).

Previous survey of Placitas showed 98% support for a Wildlife/Wild Horse Corridor/Park, and against a Connecting Rd.



Questions? Contact WHOA by email: wildhorsesnm@yahoo.com or by phone: (505) 867-5228