

**RE: Property Aquisition Status/Loop Road location not open to the public**

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Hi Patience-good to see you last night! I can't answer any of your questions today. I just got back from court in Gallup. Moises finishes his Harvard fellowship in a few more weeks and Mr. Springfield is sick today. I see what I can find for you on Monday. David

**From:** Patience O'Dowd [mailto:patience\_odowd@yahoo.com]

**Sent:** Friday, April 18, 2008 2:25 PM

**To:** David Mathews

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**Subject:** Property Aquisition Status/Loop Road location not open to the public

Hi David,

Well here we are again working together. I hope you are well and I have appreciated working with you in the past.

There are a number of things that seem increasingly problematic. I "discovered" Sandoval County's plan for a Loop Rd (Northeast Corridor) to be introduced to the BLM in their RMP process.

Mike Springfield was there that day thankfully, and he told the P&Z admin/staff to provide me a copy of the 2007 Annual Report I had been requesting. I had been asking for about 15 minutes when Mike came out and directed his staff to let me have a copy, so,

thanks to Mike! The P&Z staff were friendly but might require an update on the Open Records Act.

The reason I write however is that now that I have met with Mike regarding the Loop Rd, he has stated that the depiction in the Annual Report pg 13 is only conceptual. Though I have talked to Moises Gonzales who has stated that yes he has a map but that he cannot send it to me. So, last night during the Commission meeting, I saw Mike again and asked him a number of questions.

Mike said I could not see the map even under FOIA (he meant Open Records understandably). I asked what statutes applied here, Mike said that it was under property acquisition. Mikes bottom line was that I should contact you as to why I cannot have a copy of the map though at the end he changed on if there even is a map. He is now saying "If there was a map, it could not be released under property acquisition." In any case, there was a map, I talked to Moises and Mike about it previously, and there is a map on page 13 of the 2007 Annual Report and though there is no key on the map and it is not depicted as a dotted line, Mike assured me it was a conceptual line.

Please help me understand;

1. Was there a map of the proposed Loop Rd?
2. Is there a map of the proposed Loop Rd?
3. What are the statutes under which this Loop Rd location being kept from the public?
4. When will Placitenos know where this proposed Loop Rd is to be?
5. How do Placitenos weigh in on a Loop Rd in the BLM process for public comment when the official public comment time frame for Scoping is over May 31st?

At this time it may be cogent to let you know that over 99% of all Placitenos (approx 600+) respondents (to our WHOA survey sent bulk mail to all Placitans, see attached) have clearly stated that;

1. Placitenos do not want a Loop Rd. (Highway)

Approx 98% have stated;

2. They do want a wildlife/wild horse park.

Surveys are still coming in.

3. Has Sandoval Co. applied for cooperative agency status with the BLM for the RMP Resource Management Plan Update?

4. Has Sandoval Co. achieved cooperative agency status?

5. I would like a copy of the completed application.

6. I would like a copy of the Blm's response.

7. Does Sandoval Co. have a plan for the Placitas BLM that they are working on for the BLM's RMP?

8. Will they have a plan as in no. 7? If so, when?

9. I would like a copy of Sandoval County's plans for the Placitas BLM and the Rio Puerco BLM and any other BLM lands in Sandoval Co. at least as far as they currently have them and in complete when they do have them.

I would like to help Sandoval Co. with communication regarding this proposed Loop Rd so that the communnity can weigh in and Sandoval Co. can move forward and in the right direction with all the available inputs and information.

I might add that to my knowledge, the "team member" survey sent out by the las Placitas Association which has approximately 102 respondents also showed over all rejection of a Loop Rd. I will get back to you on this but these results are on their web page. I think this is also cogent information and will double check these numbers and have a questionnaire into that organization as well.

Thanks for your attention to this important matter for the community of Placitas. I will look forward to your response and to working with you. Excuse any typos etc., had to write this up quickly but wanted to get it to you. Let me know if there are any questions. This does not need to be an open records request unless it makes it easier for you, just let me know either way.

Thanks Much,

Patience O'Dowd co-founder WHOA

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