

ATTENTION BERNALILLO & PLACITAS RESIDENTS

Be sure to fill out a **BLM RMP Public Input Form** and turn it in today.

Please state your support for a Wild Horse Park which will preserve the beauty and wildlife of the Placitas-area, bring needed eco-friendly rural economic development and could pre-empt the creation of the Highway and Energy Corridors that are being considered for the Placitas-area BLM.

If you support the implementation of a Wild Horse Park on the Placitas-area BLM, please strongly state this specific preference on your form.

A suggested text:

I strongly support the creation of a Wild Horse Park on the Placitas-area BLM. A Wild Horse Park is compatible with the rural nature of Placitas and would enhance our living and economic environment.

A Wild Horse Park is the best way to preserve the natural beauty of the area and the living creatures within it. Many of us have lived in Placitas for a long time and want to preserve some of the open spaces and wildlife to which we are accustomed. Those of us who have moved here recently, have done so for these same qualities of life.

A Wild Horse Park will bring a positive economic benefit to our communities. Mining and development of BLM land are not the only viable economic uses of the BLM. Tourism, and specifically Heritage Tourism, is the 2nd biggest economy in the U.S., as well as New Mexico. These Wild Horses, are of cultural and historic importance. Wild Horses are known and loved throughout the world (and not only that, they are loved and cherished by the community), and the tourism that can be derived from them would benefit our area's rural communities and would provide much needed jobs.

Also, if you have not already done so, please complete and return the WHOA survey that was sent to you in the mail. The BLM has agreed to accept the results from the survey into the RMP process. The WHOA survey is the only Placitas-area survey that they have agreed to accept.





What can you do to help make the Wild Horse Park a reality?

1. Provide your statement of support for the Wild Horse Park in your written public comments to the **BLM RMP**.
2. Fill out and return the **WHOA Survey** for the BLM RMP.
 - Include an email (best) and/or mailing address, so that we can provide you further updates. Or email us at wildhorsesnm@yahoo.com and we'll add you to the distribution.
3. **Involve your family, friends and neighbors.** Knock on some doors; make some calls.
4. **Call/Write your elective representatives and candidates** and urge them to support the creation of the Wild Horse Park by requesting the BLM to set aside the Placitas-area BLM for the Wild Horses:
 - Tom Udall (currently US Representative-District 3 and candidate for US Senate)
 - (505) 994-0499; 3200 Civic Center Circle, NE, Rio Rancho, NM 87144
 - Heather Wilson (currently US Representative-District 1 and candidate for US Senate)
 - (505) 346-6781; 20 First Plaza NW, Suite 603, Albuquerque, NM 87102
 - Steve Pearce (currently US Representative-District 2 and candidate for US Senate)
 - (505) 838-7516; 111 School of Mines Rd, Socorro, NM 87801
 - Martin Heinrich (one of several Democratic candidates for US Representative-District 1)
 - (505) 244-0022; 2118 Central Ave, SE, #71, Albuquerque, NM 87106
 - Darren White (one of several Republican candidates for US Representative-District 1)
 - (505) 345-2496; 7208 Jefferson St. NE, Suite B, Albuquerque, NM 87109
 - Orlando Lucero (Sandoval County Commissioner, including Placitas/Bernalillo area)
 - (505) 867-2226; P.O. Box 40, Bernalillo NM 87004 (Sndvl. Cnty Admin office)
 - Sue Wilson Belfort (State Senator, District 19)
 - (505) 292-7116; 67 Raindance Rd, Sandia Park, NM 87047
 - Jason Burnette (candidate for State Senate, District 19)
 - (505) 385-5548; PO Box 86, Tijeras, NM 87104
 - Kathy McCoy (State Representative, District 22)
 - (505) 281-9540; Box 1488, Cedar Crest, NM 87008
 - Janice Saxton (candidate for State Representative, District 22)
 - (505) 867-1139; 123 Juniper Rd, Placitas, NM 87043

What needs to happen for the Wild Horse State Park to become a reality?

1. State of NM does a **fiscal analysis**.
 - A fiscal analysis has been mandated by the NM Senate and the NM State Parks Dept. has agreed to do it before the end of this summer.
2. State of NM utilizes the **Federal Public Parks and Purposes Act** to acquire the BLM (which would be without cost to the State of NM).
 - There are a lot of details that lay beneath this and WHOA is gathering and organizing the resources to make this happen. Alternatively, WHOA has also developed back-up plans.

Competing proposals for the Placitas-area BLM:

- **NE Corridor Highway (Loop Rd)**
 - Placitas does not need an additional access road (contrary to the County's rationalizations and assertions), as it already has alternate emergency routes. Also, as a Big I bypass, it increases the likelihood of hazardous materials being routed through our area.
 - As per the Placitas Fire Chief, "From the perspective of an evacuation for a major catastrophic event scenario, we have not identified the need for another ingress or egress from the Placitas community"... "widen Hwy 165 to 4 lanes when needed."
 - Existing Ingress/Egress routes: Hwy165 to I-25, Hwy165 to the East Mtn, and Manzano Rd to I-25 Frontage Rd.
 - As it is currently conceptualized by Sandoval County, the road would increase the traffic congestion in the area and would bring truck traffic through Placitas. It would also require Eminent Domain takings of private property in Placitas.
 - Residents of Placitas and the East Mountain are both opposed to the NE Corridor.
- **Energy Corridor**
 - As currently conceptualized by Federal agencies, the implementation of the Energy Corridor would result in Eminent Domain takings of private property in Placitas.