

Problem – Public Safety – Proactive Solutions Held

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WILD HORSE
Observers Association

Two Part Plan Proposed

I. WHOA has requested a stipulated agreement from the BLM which would allow horses to be removed from the roads and trained/adopted without affecting their legal status either way, wild or livestock. Proposing removal of 30-40 horses ASAP.

II. WHOA is requesting NMLB, NMDA and BLM to allow WHOA to administer contraception to the remaining horses as their agent.

I. At Risk Horse Removal

Status: To be determined. WHOA is waiting to hear from the BLM on WHOA's third and most recent request to work together to remove horses at risk without affecting their legal status. The latest request has been sent through the court at the BLM's suggestion.

1. If WHOA picks up the horses from the roads without an agreement that this will not affect their legal status, their short and long term legal status, and commensurate protections will be affected.
2. Additionally, if WHOA picks up the horses as livestock, there will be no way to protect them from kill buyers coming to Placitas to pick them up helter skelter. The door will be opened for any person to send them to auction/slaughter.
3. WHOA is neither a governmental agency or a law enforcement agency.

Acronyms

Porcine Zona Pelucida-contraception (PZP)
New Mexico Department of Agriculture (NMDA)
New Mexico Livestock Board (NMLB)
Bureau of Land Management (BLM)
Recreation Public Parks and Purposes

II. Contraception

Status: NMLB has stated/written that WHOA must have permission from the owner of the horses in order to administer contraception (PZP). However at the same time, the NMLB has also written that there is no owner of record. San Felipe's contraception program is underway!

1. WHOA is requesting designation/permission to be NMLB's and BLM's designated agent to administer contraceptive to all the mares in Placitas, on and off BLM lands.
2. PZP is approved for wild and feral horses.

The NMLB is willing to arbitrarily sign over ownership of the horses from no one, to anyone, with no objection from the BLM. This is a huge legal move!

WHOA beseeches the BLM/NMLB to simply designate WHOA, or someone, anyone, including one of their own staff, to simply administer contraception? This would be a much simpler move, than doing nothing, potentially a risk to human life.

3. Once permission is granted, WHOA will take the tests now required by the NMDA to administer PZP in this state.

PZP Immuno-Contraception Update!

There have been various changing circumstances blocking PZP going back and forth between the state of NM and the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) however the HSUS has finally registered PZP properly in this state. It is now down to our three government agencies only. Please again ask our Governor to intervene.

Please call Susanna Martinez Call 505-476-2200 or email gloria.marquez@state.nm.us

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Current STATE Park Proposal by Marty Clifton

WHOA's input/info on the plan to convert the BLM lands in Placitas to a State Park under the Public Parks and Purposes Act (RPP&P).

1. Needs the Governor, State Parks, and the BLM to agree that the horses can stay on (as wild or livestock). (Marty Clifton is now working this.)
2. The previous Governor and State Park Dept. signed on with WHOA's attempt at this to allow the horses to stay as wild life, however the BLM denied their approval. The BLM stated that there could be no grazing under RPP&P.
3. If and when the land becomes state lands, the WHOA court case would be moot and the horses would lose the opportunity to be declared legally wild along with the commensurate protections.
4. WHOA does not disagree with the request to move horses to the BLM lands, fence and feed.

Timing

The WHOA court case and the State park plan proposed will take time. Our government needs to allow for population management to occur in the meantime and proactively, meaning contraception is necessary.