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Celebrating the work of Navajo Nation President Ben Shelly and former Governor of New Mexico Bill Richardson

The Wild Horse Observers Association today is celebrating the works of Navajo Nation President Ben Shelly and former Governor of New Mexico Bill Richardson, who announced together yesterday a collaborative agreement to end recent round ups and importantly, to forfeit the temporary support for horse slaughter!

These two leaders have role modeled for all, working together, bringing together Navajo's reverence for the land and it's horses, and inputs from renowned horse advocates from across the nation including Return to Freedom and the Wild for Life Foundation.

This is great cause for celebration for Americans and also time for all to call upon the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Land Management to monetarily and scientifically, support this agreement including solutions set forth in the recent and timely National Academy of Sciences report: [Using Science to Improve the BLM Wild Horse and Burro Program](http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=13511)

How You Can Help:

1. Contribute to the Foundation to Protect New Mexico Wildlife founded by Governor Richardson and actor/director and conservationist Robert Redford.
2. Please be sure to call on Department of Interior (DOI) Secretary Sally Jewel to support this important work, and in a manner consistent with Navajo principles and with scientific integrity per DOI Policy: DOI Departmental Manual ([Part 305: Chapter 3](#))

Call Secretary Jewel at: 202-208-3100

For the Open Spaces and the Wild Ones that grace them,

The WHOA Board