

Coronado Soil and Water Conservation District's Area Plan (Clandestine elimination of "feral horses")

No Public or Pueblo Input

Soil and Water Conservation Districts were formed in 1935 to help ensure that the U.S. does not cause another DUST Bowl. These districts also have the legislative requirement/intent to "preserve wildlife". However, the chair of the Coronado Soil and Water District (CSWD) along with the paid admin are two of the people who have opposed the legally wild horses and have intervened against WHOA in court on the side of the New Mexico Livestock Board (NMLB) with Attorney David Reynolds.

Despite the higher courts ruling the horses legally wild, the Coronado SWD is belligerently attempting to ramrod through an Area Plan without public input and potentially in contempt of court, which treats the horses as trespass livestock.

Soil and Water Conservation Districts are part of the NM Department of Agriculture. This group meets the third Thursday of every month at 9:00 am in the small building farthest to the west behind the Sandoval County building on Idalia Rd.

1. This AREA Plan goes against the higher Courts mandate to the lower court.
2. Coronado SWD is legislatively required to preserve the horses whether they are protected wildlife or simply wildlife.
3. Wild horses are legally wildlife.
4. This AREA Plan is going against the NM Soil and Water District's legislative intent which is to protect/preserve wildlife.
5. The will of the people is being ignored. The will of 87.5% of Placitans (6000) people and the Pueblo of San Felipe (3000) people are being ignored in favor of the few, the SADLH Land Grant Leadership and the Santa Ana Pueblo.
6. Coronado is specifically avoiding public input as discussed in their meeting, though requested by Supervisor Miles.
7. They are specifically avoiding First American input, although they are required to protect and preserve First American Culture and Religion.
8. Coronado is illegally taking into account only specific "custom and culture" of the few who do not want the wild horses.
9. The chair of the Coronado SWD leases the land he lives on, which has an acequia. This chair has complained that the horses damaging this acequia, however videotape of the entire acequia, from it's perennial stream start in a creek bed to his leased property of a few acres, shows otherwise. The video shows that it is the horses, not he, who maintains the acequia. Where the wild horses have access to the acequia, it is maintained and clean, and where the horses do not have access due to fencing, it is seriously long overgrown and filled in and plugged with roots and weeds. Due to changing weather patterns there has not been enough water to make it to his property for over 5 years.
10. As chair of Coronado SWD, this man writes for and obtains thousands of dollars from the State for maintenance of this dry acequia. Again, the horses have not pushed in the sides of the acequia, they have only groomed it's narrow interior like a golf course, keeping it unplugged and clear where they have access to it. The remainder of this acequia is not maintained.
11. This "AREA PLAN", as many other items on their agenda, has been a permanent fixture on the agenda for years, such that the public cannot know when or IF anything is actually happening. Coronado has not notified the Pueblos or Placitans of the DRAFT plan and are working as fast as they can in secret, specifically stating that they do not want public input, as per statements made on video (will be available on the WHOA website).

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WHAT YOU CAN DO!

BUFFALO STRIP –

No Mining, No Highway, Yes Horses

BLM Resource Management (RMP) Update: (PUBLIC Talking Points to officials below)

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TALKING POINTS

- 1) Ask for the San Felipe Pueblo Wild Horse Sanctuary on the BLM with population mgmnt utilizing PZP contraceptive.
- 2) Request NO Road to Northern Placitas as this is the Sandoval County requested pre-cursor to the Rt14 and I-25 connection to I-40. (Since this road HAS been requested and we have proof, you CAN give input.)
- 3) Request NO MINING and reference carcinogenic health concerns due to small particulates.
- 4) The decision of which Pueblo or Land Grant will get the Buffalo Strip CANNOT be decided by the BLM, but only by our NM federal representatives. We cannot let them hide behind the BLM. This can legally only be decided by them.
- 5) Our U.S Senators and U.S. Reps need Land Grant votes across NM to get the rural NM vote. However, instead of leading and lifting people up with knowledge, communication and education regarding JOBS, regarding community with all, they instead allow NM to be held back which hurts all, Including our wildlife as well as the future of New Mexico. Tourism uplifts all and is a LAND BASED GREEN growth industry. LAND Grants are land based and these horses are a Historic Spanish point of pride.
- 6) Donate to the WHOA legal fund which has blocked mining and highways for 8 years and counting, for wildlife habitat.
- 7) Stop "setting up" "Placitan" teams which feign to represent Placitas but intentionally ignore 87% of Placitans.

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NOTE: These 3 Fed. representatives above, spent \$15 million for a wildlife park just south of Albuquerque after Gov. Richardson's WILD HORSE STATE PARK got shot down for less than \$3Million. It's time for these representatives to ACCOMPLISH this FOR ALL Placitans, for the rightful Pueblo, for the only remaining Sandia Wildlife Corridor, and for the Native Wild Horses and wildlife that grace them. Tourism brings NM over 11 Billion/yr plus 1500 new jobs. NM's Livestock industry brings in less than \$2Billion, a non-growth industry.