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Survey on the Future of the Placitas-Area BLM

Future of Placitas-5000 Acre BLM

We in Placitas have an opportunity to take action and leave a legacy. The **5000 acres of BLM** federal property, historically/currently permitted for cattle grazing and mining, and which borders our residences from East to West is coming up for it's Resource Management Plan (RMP) Update. The RMP process will determine if the Placitas BLM will be commercially developed in some way or set aside as a wild-life area!

What will it be? What do YOU want it to be?

Wildlife Options Include: Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC), Wilderness/Study Area (WSA), and other Special Management Areas within the BLM's RMP processes. Other wildlife options include obtaining the land for

the state of New Mexico, which is very feasible (almost free) under The Public Parks and Purposes Act, for a "locally" owned wildlife park.

Note: This RMP does not directly affect the Albuquerque Open Space in Placitas (which consists of only 560 acres).

We will make sure your voice is heard in numbers. Fill out the survey on the other side, and send it back.

Though many of us chose Placitas for its quality of life, the RMP may impact that quality with a decision making process that is subjective, as admitted by the BLM. We as *individual* homeowners have a small voice in this process. We as stakeholders in a Placitas-wide coalition of homeowners, neighborhood conservation and civic organizations, associations, local business, and pueblos, can have a BIG voice.

The Placitas Coalition: Join Us

The signatories to the Placitas Coalition (aka Common Grounds Coalition) have expressed their common grounds with WHOA and the State of New Mexico (via their representative's unanimous votes for SM2 in 2006 and SJM08 in 2007) to protect and keep the wild horses on BLM lands, such as those in Placitas. As such, the Coalition would like the 5000 acre BLM property in the

Placitas area to be a wildlife/wild horse park.

If you appreciate seeing the sunset on the open desert with its hiking and riding trails, that's populated by the occasional small band of **wild horses, bobcats, wild turkey, coyotes, owls, lizards, glow worms, rabbits,** and more; it's time to become involved! Fill out your survey, and if you like open spaces, we urge you to join the Placitas Coalition by checking the red box at the bottom of the survey.

If you don't see your organization listed here, call WHOA for a presentation to address any concerns

Thomas J. Ashe Developer
Placitas Chamber of Commerce
Sundance Homeowners Association
La Mesa Homeowners Association
Terra Subdivision
Frank Larraby National Appaloosa Assoc.
Dave Harper Placitas Realty
Greg A. Campbell Placitas Custom Homes
Peter Callen Perdiz Canyon Wildlife Corridor

Laura Tweed Realty and Adobe Builder Inc.
Elise S. Van Arsdale Perdiz Canyon Project
Mitch Johnson Perdiz Canyon Project
Laura Robbins Placitas Wildlife Corridor Mural Project/Foothill Studios
Lucy Noyes - La Puerta Realty, an Owner
Sandy Poling and 22 of the La Puerta team of Realtors/Brokers
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Misty Gudjel
Placitas Animal Hotline
Placitas Animal Rescue
Lazy River Ponies
American GI Forum
Many other private citizens!

The Hispano Round Table representing:

- AFGE Local 4041
- AFL-CIO
- AFSCME
- Alburq. Founders Day
- Albuquerque Partnership
- APS Hisp Educators Assoc
- Barelvas CDC
- Central Labor Council
- Centro Cultural de NM
- CLER
- Club Real de Santa Fé
- COPA
- De Colores
- Diversity Institute
- El Centro de la Raza
- Forest Service HEA
- HRT of Las Vegas
- HRT of Santa Fe
- Hispano Chamber of Commerce del Norte
- Hispanos for UNM
- Hispano Physicians Assoc.
- Homesteaders Assn. of the Pajarito Plateau
- IMAGE
- La LUCHA
- LLAVE
- LULAC
- MALSA
- MANA
- MEChA
- MAES
- Minority Women's Coalition
- MISSION
- NEA Bernalillo
- NMABE
- N.M. Hispano Bar Assn.
- N.M. Hispano Council on Aging
- N.M. Hispano State Employees Assn.
- N.M. Hispano Social Workers Association
- NOMAR
- Partido de la Raza Unida
- P.B. Incorporated
- Plumber & SteamFitters #412
- Project Uplift
- SHRT
- SOMOS
- Southwest Hispano Research Institute
- SV SBDC
- Taos Hispano Chamber of Commerce
- UPTE/CWA-Local 1663

Detail from "Offer for the Wild Horses" Mosaic - by Laura Robbins Foothill Studios

Survey: Placitas BLM Resource Management Plan Update

Fill out this survey

Some choices may be compatible, so if you choose more than one box, place a "1" for your primary choice

- Wildlife / Wild Horse Open Space/Park (numbers based on forage)
- Real Estate Development (5,000+ Homes)
- Gravel Pit/Mining (3 applications pending)
- Gravel Pit/Mining + Real Estate Develop.
- ATV Park (2 inquiries no applications)
- Shooting Range
- Cattle Grazing
- Oil and Gas Development
- Commercial Development
- Highway Route
- Energy/Pipeline Corridor
- Native American Property (possibly as Open Space for Wildlife w/ local access)
- Native American Property for Bus. Dev.
- Other _____

Signatures _____

Printed Names _____

Date _____ If Organization _____ Address _____, Placitas, NM 87043

Add our names to the Placitas Coalition

Return this survey in the attached envelope

Additional Information for WHOA (your email address will not be shared):

WHOA may contact me at this email address: _____

- Please return the completed survey in the enclosed envelope. WHOA will scan in the surveys and convey them to the BLM electronically. You may contact the BLM directly if you wish to verify your inputs were accurately tallied.
- There are currently 2500 homes in Placitas. How will 5000 more affect the water table, traffic, wildlife/corridors?

WILD vs FERAL? Horses originated in North America and co-evolved with this habitat. Mitochondrial DNA Tests have proven that the horse that left here (for only 10,000 yrs) is the same horse that the Spanish brought back.

"ICE AGE horse bones were found in 1938 in SANDIA MAN CAVE. These were carbon dated in the 1950's and they are 25,000 years old." - Ila Bromberg Archeologist, Monero Mustangs

Horses and the Range: Horses have two rows of teeth and trim grass rather than pulling it out with their tongue (by the roots), as other ungulates can/do.

<p>Our Wild Horse Herd</p> <p>The first horse re-introduced to the wild in the Americas may have been an escaped chestnut mare belonging to one of Cortez' Conquistadors, in 1519.</p> <p>In 1540, Francisco Vasquez de Coronado and his Expedi-</p>	<p>tion rode their Spanish horses into the Rio Grande Valley near the current site of the Coronado State Park, across the river.</p> <p>In 1598, Juan de Onate lost approximately 900 horses in what would become New Mexico, which is the first recorded band of horses to run</p>	<p>free in the present day United States.</p> <p>Are the wild horses descendants of these Spanish horses, which are now extinct in Spain? Their conformation and DNA say yes. When the DNA from the wild horse herd in Placitas were tested, the results con-</p>	<p>firmed the Spanish heritage of many of the horses,</p> <p>"Five of the horses were tested by the University of Kentucky and deemed 50 to 60 percent Spanish"</p> <p>-Sandoval Signpost, Oct 04</p>
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WHOA Completes Fencing of Open Space

The Placitas wild horses roamed unfettered throughout the La Mesa and Sundance Subdivisions for years. Though most residents love them, WHOA initiated a public safety project to keep the horses (and cattle) off the roads. This 2 mile fence, (the third fence completed by WHOA) spans the entire southern and eastern sides of the Albuquerque Open Space, at a low cost of \$13,000. This fence and more is

required by the Master Plan for this Open Space, and as such helps keep this land from being claimed by the BLM from whom it was legally purchased in 1966.

Much of the old fencing in other areas have also been repaired.

There are always fence checking and/or fence repair parties in process, please call to join, or send donations if you would like to help!

Donations to WHOA can be sent in the attached envelope

Questions? Contact WHOA by email: wildhorsesnm@yahoo.com or by phone: (505) 867-5228