

Memorandum

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From: K. Sokulsky

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Re: Summary of ARMP Public Input Meeting on 3/19/2026

Wilson Facilitators: Tiffany Martin, Marlene Hoskie, Liliana Domenici

Location: Navajo Technical University

Number of Attendees: 4

Sign-In Sheet Attached: Yes

Key Themes from Attendees:

During the discussion, attendees emphasized a preference for Angus cattle due to their moderate size and docile temperament, which contribute to improved manageability. Participants noted that Angus cattle are less likely to damage or breach fencing, making them easier to control and more compatible with existing range infrastructure. Ranchers also indicated that they effectively implement rotational grazing practices and utilize leased lands when forage conditions on primary allotments have not sufficiently recovered.

In addition, participants discussed interest in incorporating remote monitoring technologies, such as drones, to supervise livestock more efficiently across large or difficult-to-access areas. Ranchers also inquired about the potential benefits of introducing sheep into existing operations, particularly with respect to vegetation management and herd diversification, while acknowledging the need to evaluate herd size and carrying capacity limitations. It was further noted that many ranchers rely on generational knowledge passed down through their families, which continues to inform current grazing practices and decision-making.

A representative from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Effie, highlighted the need for a threatened and endangered species survey in areas near Shiprock. Species of concern include the Mesa Verde cactus and San Juan milkweed, particularly in areas overlapping the Menefee and San Juan geologic formations. Tiffany noted that conducting such a survey would represent a substantial effort, given the narrow transect width of six meters, which would increase field intensity and associated survey duration.

Recommendation: Rancher attendee mentioned he utilizes the Eastern Agency Conservation Plan.

No concerns documented this session as all but one attendee were repeats from Tuesday.