

Memorandum

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From: S. Kubic

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Re: Summary of ARMP Public Input Meeting on 4/16/2026

Wilson Facilitators: Liliana Domenici, Schylon Kubic, Marlene Hoskie

Location: Indian Wells Chapter House

Number of Attendees: 33

31 people signed in, but some arrived late and did not sign in before leaving.

Sign-In Sheet Attached. Yes

Key Themes from Attendees:

- How are permits on pause impacted by the ARMP?
- Improve health
- Resources are not available – only Dine College helped them (range management plan)
 - o USDA worked with them to receive funds
- Haul water daily for livestock; drain on income
- Priorities improving the herd health
 - o No water; runoff from rain goes to Phoenix
 - o Restoring land and soil health
 - o Utilize vegetation to combat erosion
 - o Sustainable agriculture
- Earthen dams need to be fixed before monsoon season; include windmills
 - o Need clean up
 - o No rain; ceremonies for rain not done anymore
- Constraints
 - o Runaround from BIA
 - o Over regulation; hurdles
 - o Dependency on local, federal, state, county government
 - o Lack of transparency on natural resources data; range, farm and cropland data
 - Transfer lands to original grantees
- Will BIA have oversight of information, implementation, coordination and training?
- No water containment system; overflow is used for people's entertainment
- Need external resources to educate ourselves
- Keystone Chapter Resident
 - o Located near sand dunes
 - o Enforcement issue with open grazing permits
 - o Priorities are farming, livestock and enforcement
 - o Hopi fence diverts water and keeps it from their land
- Greasewood Chapter Resident
 - o Overgrazing; reduce cattle to preserve
 - o People have livestock without a permit
 - o Redbook was used to educate people on livestock. No longer practiced; don't follow regulations.
 - o Drought, feral horses, no vegetation, no water
 - o Open range; lots of hungry animals roaming

- Need help re-seeding to restore land
- Fencing between districts would help grass
- Illegal trash dumping; goes into river, livestock eat plastic
- Grazing officials don't enforce people w/permits
- Reseeding might work
- Climate change; earth dams used to be full of water
- Younger owners don't know Red Book
 - Traditional people used common sense and followed rules
- Police, rangers and grazing officials need more manpower and money
- Some favored a switch to self-management by forming an association of those in compliance to address needs without political connections.
 - "We are stumbling over ourselves."
- Need funds to address problems
- Solutions need to come from the community
 - Self-management

Key Messaging by Wilson staff:

- The ARMP is to be the Nation's Plan.
- BIA will approve the ARMP, but it will be the Nation's Plan
- Proposed Project Area is based on Nation's mapping and being part of the Nation.
- A draft ARMP will be made available for "your" review "to see if we got it right".

Observations:

1. Meeting attendees were from Greasewood, Indian Wells, Dilkon, Keystone and Cornfield Chapters. Greasewood and Cornfield asked Wilson & Company to present at their chapters.
2. People expressed frustrations with BIA, NN, lack of funding and resources.
3. People suggested the final ARMP be posted with the radio stations, Navajo Times, and copies shared with each Chapter office, presidents and speakers.
4. General sentiment was that each district and chapter have its own issues and they should be reflected individually in the plan.
5. People questioned what we would do with all the information shared during the input session.

Of-Interest:

N/A