

Memorandum

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From: Liliana Domenici

Date: 3/12/2026

Re: Summary of ARMP Public Input Meeting on 3/12/2026

Wilson Facilitators: Liliana Domenici, Francine Pacheco

Location: Ramah Chapter House

Number of Attendees: 16

Sign-In Sheet Attached.

Key Themes from Attendees:

Understanding that Ramah is under the Southwest Regional BIA with Pueblos and Apache's.

- Ability to contract

 - Federal resources and funding

- Only funding available is Commercial

 - Coordination

- Indian Self Determination Act

- Able to provide service to community without having to go through NN process.

Bark Beetles, Elk Management, Drought, Geology (volcanic rock being present and impacting soil quality) – How will this be addressed within this specific community?

- Eastern Agency has its own EIS – Ramah Agency is excluded from this. Although they might create their own ARMP, this plan could be used to create it.

On Revision- Does this concern all of the chapters' land, not just the NN Land?

- Ramah Band Land, BIA, Mon – 1990, Land Allotment – BIA, Chapter Fee Land

Jurisdiction – Both a concern and constraint

Forestry, Woodland, encroachment, water issues, feral horses and wildlife

Grazing code, En. Fee – what is owned by chapter and funded by chapter and what is public use but private?

State land and land exchanged

Own Grazing Code – grazing permits, but are not the same system

Jurisdiction from the SW region on permits and not NN/BIA

- Different animal units – 3 sheep = 1 cow

- Bar N brand system is not present in Ramah

Ramah has their own forestry plan

- 2010 – revised every 10 years

- Will be sent a copy

Where would human burials fall under in this project?

Fire Management

- New Fire Administration

Elk Management

- Own Hunting

Enforcement

- None within Ramah, they are very geographically isolated

Illegal Dumping

Non-Navajo Accessing Livestock Wells

- Water allocated to Ramah

Reaching Wells
 NN is not maintaining maintenance
Mexican Grey Wolf
 Livestock and safety
Lava Rock
Zuni River Watershed
 Making decisions without notification
How are we going to benefit from the ARMP?
 NN (Navajo Nation) is hard to deal with, are they really going to implement and include Ramah?
Youth Education
 Unaware how to farm
 No knowledge of how to plant a seed or when
 Fresh food – access to fresh health food
Financial constraints
 How to get water to fields
 Fix fencing
Spay & Neuter program is successful
 Sample framework
Access to Water
 No rain
 Climate Change
Ramah got pushed out of actual valley (Ramah Valley) by Mormons further south to where they currently are. There is lava rock here, so the soil is not conducive to growing.
Modernization has diminished youth knowledge of self-sustaining: food
Land Stewardship
 Not a lot of allotment
WASPI
 Program on how to garden
 Mention of program in North Dakota
Major Constraints
 No follow up on how much livestock per household
 One community member dorm to 4 heads to sheep from 100+
 Waterline project from San Juan
 Bark Beetles – killing pine trees
 Dry land Farming – not successful and what new growth there is the elk eat it
 Removed from Gallup Water Project
 Due to Distance
 Domestic Water?
 Business Education
 Teach producers how to be profitable and still produce

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".
- Presentation will be sent to Chapter

Observations:

1. The Ramah has their forestry plan that is to be sent to Wilson Staff.

2. Martha Garcia (President) mentioned that their chapter has funding to help get more of these programs (grazing, farming, planting, food education, etc. mentioned throughout meeting) funded and presented to the public. How could this project help to get those created or put them into contact with organizations who could provide these programs?

Of-Interest:

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