

Memorandum

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From: Kariann Sokulsky

Date: 3/17/2026

Re: Summary of ARMP Public Input Meeting on 3/17/2026

Wilson Facilitators: Tiffany Martin, Marlene Hoskie, Kariann Sokulsky

Location: Navajo Technical University

Number of Attendees: 5

Sign-In Sheet Attached: No

Key Themes from Attendees:

Navajo Partitioned Lands: How will ARMP help?

There is a lack of water for livestock, lack of materials for fencing. Fencing is needed for rotational grazing.

Drought has resulted in less farming.

Need to fence grazing & farm permit boundaries.

Illegal dumping in arroyos affects land.

There is no monitoring/customer service for natural resources – for example for “livestock trespass”¹, breached earthen dams, wood cutting w/out permits, feral horses. Land Board has limited capabilities.

638 Funds are not being distributed.

Feral horses, donkeys, mules, cows.

People need more info on Nation’s Incentive program to corral, transport feral animals.

Vegetation improves after round ups.

People need to know where to go for assistance.

Water – Water Harvesting should be a Priority. This means capturing/storing rain and soil on Nation before runoff exits. Need NRCS help.

Look at Torreon watershed project as an example.

So many plans. So many consultants. — Need Funding.

Teach youth on agriculture. Transfer knowledge. Need more community volunteer projects.

Fix windmills.

Uranium (U) contamination of water impacts livestock: Look at Red Rock spill.

Big Nation not renewing grazing permits because of feral animals & livestock trespass.

¹ When asked what does “livestock trespass” mean, the Navajo attendee said this means grazing w/out permits AND overstocking (exceeding permit limits (mostly on allotments)).

NAPI: Not affordable.

Why not using NTU research capabilities? NTU has been working with our universities to develop simple electrochemistry testing in the field (no lab required) – a technique being used in other countries. How can Navajo Nation use this tool to measure U and other metals? Partnering w/NTU can be a win for the ARMP and vice versa improve NTU capabilities.

- Need initiatives to partner w/NTU veterinarian programs to screen health of feral animals.
- Consider community work programs for food independence. NTU has a biology program – how can it assist in research areas for grasses, etc. for the ARMP?

One participant is using USDA funds for fencing/rotational grazing. It works – grasses are healthier.

Need commitment from grazing permittees to reduce animal units. This is a Priority.

What about different grasses being imported for changing climate?

Politics is a constraint.

ADVERTISE MEETING AS A PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT ON KGAK; PROVIDE IN ENGLISH & STATION WILL TRANSLATE. ALSO USE KTNN.

Key Messaging by Wilson staff:

- The ARMP is to be the Nation's Plan.
- Proposed Project Area is based on Nation's mapping and inclusion in the Navajo Nation.
- A draft ARMP will be made available for your review "to see if we got it right".
- We are identifying funding opportunities.

Observations:

Of-Interest:

Follow up w/attendee Mr. Herb Holgate re: funding from USDA for fencing, rotational grazing – it works, land is healthier.

Ryan Guy is the NTU Student/Life Activities Coordinator. Interested in project. er.guy@navajotech