

Memorandum

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From: S. Kubic

Date: 4/22/2026

Re: Summary of ARMP Public Input Meeting on 4/15/2026

Wilson Facilitators: Liliana Domenici, Schylon Kubic, Marlene Hoskie

Location: Nahata Dziil Chapter House

Number of Attendees: 20

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

Sign-In Sheet Attached. Yes

Key Themes from Attendees:

- How will allotment, trust land, feed land and new lands be addressed in ARMP?
- Priorities
 - o Water
 - o Specific to each farmer
 - o Fixing windmills (water resource)
 - o Community garden
 - o Youth education
- Constraints
 - o Disconnected communications with NN and chapters
 - o Don't see money at community level
 - o Drought
 - o Broken windmills
 - o Lack of understanding
- Will areas be categorized by District? Every area has different issues, concerns, needs
- Feral horses
- NN and Department of Agriculture did wool storage; resulting in the wool not being used.
- 1974 – relocated, but
 - o 9635 – able to take our sheep.
 - o Want to live traditional lifestyle – selling calves (livestock); quality beef
- Farming and ranching “Our food; Our money” “From ranch to table”
 - o Not a priority for young people
- Education programs for children; summer youth, wool programs; presentations at schools
- Randle C. Grazing Official
 - o Regulatory and compliance issues; wants a plan
 - o Grazing manual (red book outdated)
 - o Overgrazing – no enforcement
 - o NN tribal code, grazing code outdated
 - o Funding not being utilized – AIF-NN
 - o Erosion
 - o Shallow wells w/uranium; haul water from Gallup
 - o Water resource development; earth dam projects
- Relocated in 1987 – livestock here cannot move back to NPL; resources relocating
- 2025 – ONHIR closed
 - o BIA was to take this role of ONHIR had. 25CFR700

- Padres Mesa tribal ranch – customary farm use areas – should not be used as a model.
 - Sheep units not balanced; BIA/NN not reducing sheep units
- Permittee from Sanders, New Lands area
 - Water trough in every range unit; management plan for each one
 - Water from windmill and rotating grazing; some solar energy
 - Responsible for fence maintenance
 - None around new development on reservation
 - Homes being built on grazing area; disturbed by roads, water, electricity
 - Include fencing under management plan
- Overgrazing and no livestock reductions
 - Non-compliant and enforcement from BIA or NN
 - Need yearly tally counts to show compliance
- Homesite leases not being enforced
- When fences are 638 contracts roads; cannot enforce once it becomes 638.
- Need water standards for windmills
- Range unit grass is estimated; overages lead to bare land; written reprimands needed
- NPL ended in 2025; BIA was to pick up responsibility and unclear who's responsible for things
- We can't get access data from NN.
 - Maybe use AI to collect data
- Include Navajo wellness model in cultural component of plan
- Need grant funds for farming supplies, house building and improvements
- LGA certified chapters governance is different; they have a commission board.
- Wants community to go back to the original form of government.

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. Another chapter meeting was happening at the same as the scoping public meeting. Chapter asked that we email information about the ARMP to share with others unable to attend.
2. We were told to talk to grazing officials and have more community involvement in this process. Only 8% of 60 permit holders show up for meetings.
3. After draft plan is completed, suggested we hold a forum on KTTN radio to take call-in questions and comments; advertise in Navajo Times

Of-Interest:

N/A

