

Memorandum

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From: S. Kubic

Date: 5/22/2026

Re: Summary of ARMP Public Input Meeting on 5/12/2026

Wilson Facilitators: Peter Steele, Dalton Nez, Marlene Hoskie

Location: Red Mesa Chapter House

Number of Attendees: 9

Sign-In Sheet Attached. Yes

Key Themes from Attendees:

- We are lacking water severely, and what water we have is heavily contaminated.
 - Farming is not priority due to water shortages.
 - Want to grow crops.
 - Navajo people are behaving selfishly, this is my land, my water, only my animals can use this etc.
- Need support and resources to bring water.
- We need water, we need windmills to be repaired or upgraded, water levels are low how do we know which windmills can still access water in the ground?
 - Need to focus on water rights and access and collect it from water shed from the mountains not necessarily from the San Juan River but before it goes down the river.
- Fencing; people are not responsible for their livestock.
- Grazing official would like to find a way to capture rainwater.
- Ferel horses need to be managed, not destroyed.
- As a child, Earth dams or berms were more common, and they often had water streaming to them constantly, there was no maintenance done to upkeep the dams and water access, so they all dried up.
- We pray and have ceremonies for rain. The climate is changing, our mother earth is tired and the ground is dry.
- Mining for oil and NG, and minerals is the cause of earth drying out and can't hold water.
- Horses are suffering in the dry and heat and he wants people to come and collect their horses. They're running free and there's no forage for them. I feed my horses, but everyone else's horses come to try and eat my feed.
- We are concerned that the grazing permits are said to be held for 6 years and we don't want that to happen, we need to graze our animals desperately.
- We want to work with ARMP, and we are hopeful now that this plan will help us get back to our childhood memories.
- Is this ARMP the property of Navajo Nation? What is the Navajo Nation in charge of? How are they involved? Who do we go to for our concerns? Who repairs the windmills?
 - When we go to the officials, they tell us the land is being withdrawn.
 - Who takes the brunt of the costs of running water lines and getting land clearances?
 - We want to build an old style of trading posts, a place where we can come as a community to support local crop production and livestock raising.
- We are concerned about air land water animals and the balance of ecology.
- We want to be self-sustaining.

- As the grazing official, I do support some fencing, and not open range because it's easier to manage livestock.
- We are planning to develop the local economy such as farmers market and local butchers etc. to support our community.

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:

- The group that attended today was the Land Use Committee for Red Mesa Chapter.
- Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and cultural respect is vital, and they request we make an underlying part of the ARMP project.

Of-Interest:

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