

# Memorandum

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**To:** File  
**From:** B. Nez  
**Date:** 05/19/2026  
**Re:** Summary of ARMP Public Input Meeting on 5/22/2026

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**Wilson Facilitators:** Peter Steele, Marlene Hoskie, Blaine Nez

**Location:** Round Rock Chapter House

**Number of Attendees:** 13 attendees

**Sign-in sheet Attached:** Yes

### Key Themes from Attendees:

- Widespread concern regarding severe water shortages, declining groundwater levels, failing wells, lack of infrastructure maintenance, and long-term drought conditions.
- Repeated discussion regarding lack of water access rights despite surrounding off-reservation groundwater development and water infrastructure projects.
- Strong concerns regarding deteriorating windmills, dams, water catchment systems, roads, and agricultural infrastructure with little or no maintenance support.
- Significant frustration regarding grazing permit issues, probate complications, lack of enforcement, and confusion regarding permit authority and land use rights.
- Concerns regarding unmanaged feral horses, feral cattle, wildlife grazing pressure, and lack of livestock enforcement capacity.
- Frustration regarding perceived disconnect between Navajo Nation leadership, agency reporting, and local community observations and experiences
- Concerns regarding lack of meaningful implementation or follow-through from past planning efforts and skepticism regarding whether ARMP recommendations will result in actual action.
- Strong interest in conservation planning, improved grazing management, water planning, aquifer recharge, agricultural infrastructure, and community self-sufficiency.
- Repeated emphasis on Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK), cultural teachings, traditional stewardship values, and the need to reconnect younger generations with livestock and agricultural traditions.
- Community concern regarding increasing individualism, land disputes, and erosion of traditional cultural values centered on collective responsibility and stewardship.
- Concerns regarding road maintenance, historic preservation restrictions, wildlife management reporting, and inconsistent communication from agencies and departments.
- Requests for continued communication, regular updates, transparency, and community review throughout the ARMP process.

### 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.

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- A draft ARMP will be made available for “your” review “to see if we got it right”.

**Observations:**

1. Multiple people expressed frustration with grazing permits and the lack of enforcement for herd and land management.
2. There are recommendations to address feral horses, permittees not using their permits but still having them, prevention of wildfires and improper timber harvesting, and the suggestion to include CLUPCs.

**Of-Interest:**

- More enforcement and education for those who have a permit.