

Memorandum

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From: D. Kidder

Date: 4/8/2026

Re: Summary of ARMP Public Input Meeting on 4/7/2026

Wilson Facilitators: Tiffany Martin, Jesse Shuck, Dalton Kidder

Location: Nageezi Chapter House

Number of Attendees: 4

Sign-In Sheet Attached: Yes

Key Themes from Attendees:

- Feral horses, stray dogs are running rampant
- Worried about drought, drought kills a lot of feral horses.
- There are more horses than cattle, horses don't have brands, but people complain "That's my horse!"
 - o It would really help to have a better resource for dealing with feral horses.
- Chapter might help haul water, but infrastructure still not good and it and they will charge for it anyway
 - o Even just providing better water hauling containers would be very helpful.
- What are your goals? "We need a well, and we need to get rid of the feral horses"
 - o Drought is really hurting the plants, they have to supplement livestock with alfalfa from NAPI, but it is not close, and trips get expensive because of gas.
 - o One water source that they relied on was ruined by fracking (allegedly)
 - o General consensus is that water is what is most needed
- When water gets treated for humans, that sometimes makes it bad for livestock.
- Can't put a cattle guard in on a certain highway, leads to some of them getting out
 - o Navajo just lets people round the feral horses up, but on the checkerboard, there is more red tape (mostly from BLM)
 - o Hardly anybody farms, not enough water
 - o County would not provide road signs for "livestock in the area"
 - o "There's no funding for nothing no more."
- Attendees don't believe the involved agencies work together, which makes getting anything done frustrating, and just generally unlikely
- There is not a veterinarian in the area; makes raising livestock is even more difficult.
- Trash dump is only opened one day a week; one attendee cited this as one of the reasons there is trash all over the roads.

Key Messaging by Wilson staff:

- The ARMP is to be the Nation's Plan.
- A draft ARMP will be made available for "your" review "to see if we got it right".

Observations:

1. Attendees lived on BLM land, not tribal. This led to some difficulties with both horses and general permitting/red tape.

2. All of the attendees kept coming back to water. The general sentiment was that all other problems would be irrelevant if they couldn't find a better solution for their limited water.

Of-Interest: