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The Placitas Community Herd by the Numbers

- 140 horses roaming in 20 bands
- 74 mares & fillies treated with a PZP primer dose/61boosted
- New foals observed from January through mid-September with more expected this fall



Development of Placitas Herd Management Options

- Grounded in data from the population survey
- Considerations include herd health, safety, & number, range health, forage & water availability, & community perspectives
- Goal is humane, science-based management for healthy horses and healthy range that can be sustained over time

Humane, Sustainable Management Options for the Placitas Community Horses

- Community Herd ~ designated bands that roam Placitas
- Refuge ~ community-based refuge and/or relocation to refuge
- Range Restoration ~ projects to improve land & water health for all wildlife
- Adoption ~ actual and/or virtual
- Reproduction management ~ continue PZP & consider gelding
- Community standards ~ for education, cooperation, herd health & safety & community health & safety



Herd Management Planning & Implementation

- Utilize multiple methods to achieve more effective & timely results
- Prioritize health & safety in choosing initial management actions & implement additional actions over time
- Build cooperation to achieve results for the larger community, the horses,
 & the environment

THANK YOU

