

Public Comment for Upcoming Commission Meeting

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Comments:

Regarding the proposal to restrict feeding of wild horses on private property. I strongly oppose any proposal to restrict rural property owners' rights and freedom to use and enjoy their property. To justify restrictions of property rights the commission should prove that substantial public harm is caused by feeding wild horses. The cause / effect relationship is far from certain. People hit deer and elk frequently many or most of which have never been fed . Furthermore, Someone needs to demonstrate that the proposed restrictions would even work. I contend neither of these criteria have been met. I believe that automobile / wild and domestic animal collisions are inevitable and unfortunate, but represent an extremely small percentage of human traffic accidents, injuries and fatalities. Prohibition of feeding would likely cause animals to roam further to search for food and could likely increase traffic risk and nuisance behavior. This is an example of political exploitation of a small divisive issue for political advantage by people whose only interaction with Mustangs occurs in the Rio Rancho Walmart Parking lot. If you really wanted to protect people by restricting their rights, do something substantial, like motorcycle helmet laws, gun restrictions, vaccination requirements, etc., etc., There are clear statistics that these types of restrictions work. Starving the wild horses will solve nothing and probably exacerbate the few problems they cause.