

Public Comment for Upcoming Commission Meeting

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Comments:

The proposed ordinance related to wildlife in Placitas is misguided and will do nothing to address the actual safety issues in the area. The cause of incidents between cars and wildlife in the village have not been the result of wildlife being fed, but rather the result of people speeding and driving recklessly. For example, the driver in the late 2021 incident passed a school bus in a no passing zone and was estimated by police to be going 90 mph in a 35 mph zone. That he struck and killed a wild horse is incidental-- it could have been a child, a parent, another car. the school bus. The horse and where it got its breakfast was not the safety issue-- the safety issue was a speeding, dangerous driver. Drivers behaving this way are not a rarity on 165-- we all regularly encounter aggressive drivers speeding, tailgating, passing illegally. This punitive ordinance will do nothing to decrease the number of unsafe drivers. Instead, we'll still have all of the dangerous drivers, the horses will suffer, and the village may well lose one of the things that makes it so special to live here.