

Public Comment for Upcoming Commission Meeting

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**Comments:**

Hello, I would like to comment regarding the ordinance pertaining to the feeding of wildlife:

1. If these horses (which are the main topic here) are considered wildlife, why are they not managed by the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish? These horses do not fall under the federal protection as other horses in the US do so I believe if they are to be called "wildlife" they should be managed as all other wildlife in the State is, by the State department capable of doing so.
2. I have read other comments stating that individual property rights are being infringed upon by this ordinance, I do not believe that is true. There are many things we cannot legally do on our own property, this is no different.
3. The road safety is a large issue at hand but certainly not the only one. We can see widespread destruction of the land we live upon due to overgrazing by these horses. This leads to decreased grasses, decreased carbon sequestration, and increased erosion and sedimentation of our already struggling rivers.
4. Drought. Simple research will show the large quantity of water these horses require every day. We have people complaining about new wells and development but blindly ignore the water uptake required to keep 170 horses alive.
5. Safety of my kids and grandchildren. The roads in Placitas are dangerous due to these horses and reckless driving. We need more law enforcement for speeders and we need to ban the feeding of the horses to reduce the likelihood of vehicle incidents.

Thank you for your time.