

Public Comment for Upcoming Commission Meeting

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Comments:

I would like to comment on the Ordinance being proposed by the Sheriff's Office related to feeding the wild horses of Placitas. I have lived on Rosa Castilla for 15 years and this road is in the middle of the Wild Horse feeding area being discussed. I have no problem with the horses being fed, I remember starving wild horses along this road 10 years ago before some neighbors began feeding them. Mr. Allen Mills is indeed not a horse expert or he would know that the Placitas area has been their feeding ground for many years and if residents stop feeding the horses their not going anywhere. They will not go up in the mountains and die out of sight of Placitas residents, they will stay right where they are trying to graze here like they always have. The starvation of a large animal is a very slow process, it will take months and it will happen in plain view of Placitas residents going to work, taking children to school or anytime you travel up and down Hwy. 165. I also think fining and threatening jail time to residents who are taking care of their environment and the wildlife that share it is no solution to the problem and will create more paperwork, court time and strain on an already overburdened Sheriff's Department. There is a Senate Bill that hopefully goes before the Legislature that deals with continued fertility treatments, relocation and adoption of free roaming horses under certain circumstances, this is the direction we need to go, Placitas is still a rural community which is why my husband and I moved here, if you do not like the wildlife roaming around there is always Bernalillo, Rio Rancho or Albuquerque.