Public Comment for Upcoming Commission Meeting

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Comments:

I support banning the feeding of the so called wild horses in Placitas. My neighbor on Quail Meadow Road, like so many other people, feeds the horses in her yard. Her house is right off the road thus the horses are being fed within a hundred feet of Quail Meadow. Last week I was coming home around 9:00pm, driving 20 miles an hour on 'Quail Meadow Road, and nearly ran into eight horses that completely blocked the road. I honked my horn and inched closer to them and they did not budge. My truck was within inches of them and they were not in the least bit concerned. I have run into similar situations on Tunnel Springs Road and on the 165 at Tunnel Springs Road in the daytime.

It is a danger to the people of Placitas as well as for the horses. It seems like a very aggressive and intimidating vocal minority in Placitas continue to push their agenda to have these horses as roaming pets. True wild animals know how to find food and water and are naturally fearful of danger. When there are times of plenary they multiply and when resources are scarce the week die off and the strong survive. Since these horses are fed, watered, taken in for medical treatment etc. they have multiplied far beyond what the land can sustain. Because of their overgrazing other wildlife are suffering. We se far fewer rabbits, road runners, deer, bobcats, and birds of prey. They and those feeding them are disrupting Wild Placitas. Thank you.