



# Horse problems in Southwest Colorado

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The Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council met with San Juan Forestry Crew members and members of the Jicarilla Apache Nation on Wednesday, Feb. 15 to talk about the feral horse problem facing local authorities.

The group discussed setting up further meetings and developing plans to address the issue.

Steve Whiteman, head of the tribe's Division of Wildlife Resource Management, said a helicopter count is the best way to put a number to it.

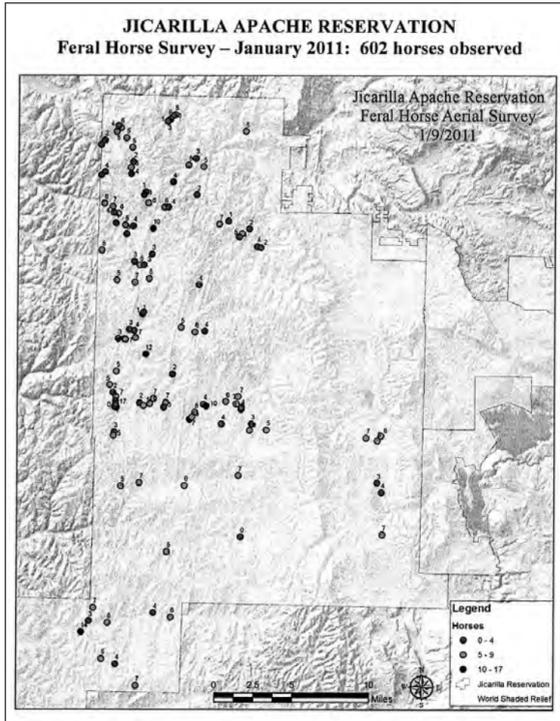
"It doesn't happen overnight," he said. "It will take some time."

Tribal Councilman Howard D. Richards Sr. said it's important to involve tribal members in the process "so they know what the tribe is doing to help and solve this problem."

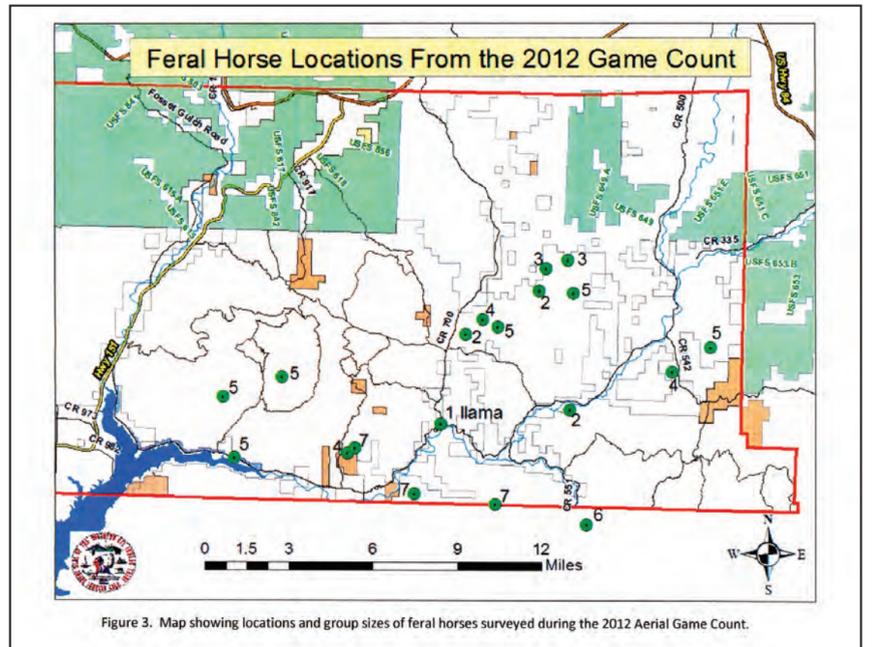


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Feral horses roam the Escondido area on Southern Ute Indian Reservation lands. Often turned loose by their owners, these animals pose a threat to native species and their habitat, and also compete for resources with tribal members' livestock.



A survey map of the Jicarilla reservation and a game count map of an eastern portion of the Southern Ute reservation given by both tribes were made available at a meeting which held on Wednesday, Feb. 15 at the Buckskin Charley room in the Leonard C. Burch Building.



## Local Ignacio Weather

Friday, Feb. 24



Sunny, High 42° F

Saturday, Feb. 25



Mostly sunny, High 47° F

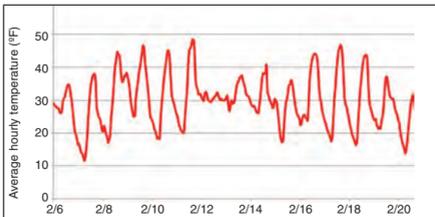
Sunday, Feb. 26



Mostly sunny, High 39° F

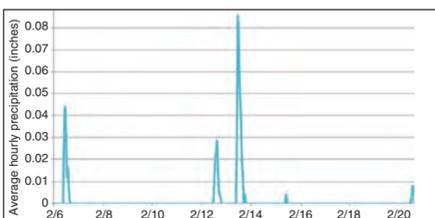


Weather data for February 6 - February 20



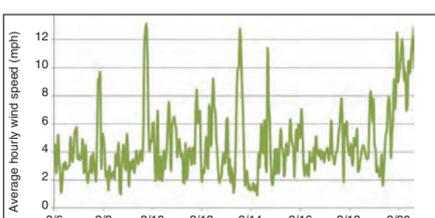
Temperature

High	48.5°F
Low	11.6°F
Average	29.3°F
Average last year	29.1°F



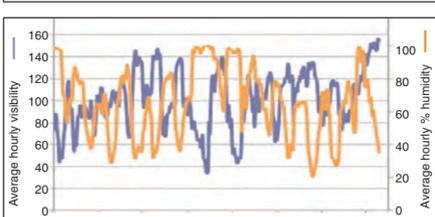
Precipitation

Total	0.56 inches
Total last year	0.15 inches



Wind speed

Average	4.5 mph
Minimum	1.0 mph
Maximum	13.0 mph



Visibility & humidity

Avg. visibility	101.2
Avg. humidity	66.0%

Air quality  
Good

Data compiled by Southern Ute Environmental Programs

Weather forecasts collected from www.NOAA.gov

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