

*Be it remembered that at the Special Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Luna County in Deming New Mexico, on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of January 2024, the following proceedings were had and entered of record.*

**RESOLUTION NO. 24-14**

**A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE MIMBRES PEAKS MONUMENT**

**WHEREAS**, a private group, calling itself Protect Mimbres Peaks, with the support of several statewide groups and non-profits has put forward a proposal to establish the Mimbres Peaks National Monument, encompassing federal lands in the Florida, Cooke’s Peak, Good Sight and Tres Hermanas Mountains.

**WHEREAS**, the group proposing the monument has a website, protectmimbrespeaks.org, proclaiming that Luna County and the City of Deming leaders recognize the value of federally managed public lands and that the idea of establishing the Mimbres Peaks National Monument has “gained traction among local leaders.”

**WHEREAS**, many questions regarding the impact of the monument have not been answered, such as what impact will the monument designation have on farming and ranching within the boundaries of the proposed monument on both private land and leased public land.

**WHEREAS**, the website also proclaims that the local leaders are working collectively with stakeholders but, to this point, have not included farmers, ranchers, miners and residents within the boundaries of the proposed monument.

**WHEREAS**, a request to the President of the United States has been drafted but the exact language in the proclamation establishing the monument has not been publicly discussed or disclosed and therefore cannot be analyzed for its impact on the community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Luna County that it cannot support the establishment of the Mimbres Peak National Monument at this time because of the unanswered questions, concerns raised by members of the community and the exclusion of a large constituency of stakeholders, namely the farmers, ranchers and miners of Luna County, both within and outside the boundaries of the proposed monument.

**Done this 19<sup>th</sup> day of January 2024.**

**by the Board of County Commissioners of Luna County**

**ATTEST:**

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**Ray J. Trejo,  
Commissioner, District 1**

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**Berenda McWright, County Clerk**

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**Colette M. Chandler, Chairperson  
Commissioner, District 2**

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**John S. Sweetser,  
Commissioner, District 3**

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## **RESOLUTION NO. 24-15**

### **A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE MIMBRES PEAKS MONUMENT**

**WHEREAS**, Luna County held a strategic planning conference in 2023 to discuss the vision for the County going forward, and the expansion of outdoor recreation was voted upon as the most favorable avenue to bring tourism, economic development and notoriety to the County. The designation of our mountain sites as a federally managed monument was never a topic of discussion, nor was it mentioned throughout the two day retreat.

**WHEREAS**, a private group, calling itself Protect Mimbres Peaks, with the support of several statewide groups and non-profits has put forward a proposal to establish the Mimbres Peaks National Monument, encompassing Federal lands in the Florida, Cooke's Peak, Good Sight and Tres Hermanas Mountains.

**WHEREAS**, the website also proclaims that the local leaders are working collectively with stakeholders but, to this point, have not included farmers, ranchers, miners and residents within the boundaries of the proposed monument.

**WHEREAS**, the group proposing the monument has a website, [protectmimbrespeaks.org](http://protectmimbrespeaks.org), proclaiming that Luna County and the City of Deming leaders recognize the value of federally managed public lands and that the idea of establishing the Mimbres Peaks National Monument has "gained traction among local leaders."

**WHEREAS**, a request to the President of the United States has been drafted but the exact language in the proclamation establishing the monument has not been publicly discussed or disclosed and therefore cannot be analyzed for its impact on the community.

**WHEREAS**, serious concerns have been raised by an overwhelming majority of members of the community, coupled with the exclusion of a large constituency of stakeholders, namely the farmers, ranchers, miners and outdoor enthusiasts of Luna County, both within and outside the boundaries of the proposed monument.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Luna County that the County does not support the establishment of the Mimbres Peak National Monument.

**Done this 19<sup>th</sup> day of January 2024.**

**by the Board of County Commissioners of Luna County**

**ATTEST:**

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**Ray J. Trejo,  
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