

RESOLUTION NO. 05-12-15-PECOS WILDERNESS

A RESOLUTION ENDORSING WILDERNESS DESIGNATION FOR THE INVENTORIED ROADLESS AREAS ADJACENT TO THE PECOS WILDERNESS

WHEREAS, the U.S. Forest Service has inventoried Forest Service Roadless Areas adjacent to the Pecos Wilderness, some of which are in San Miguel County; and

WHEREAS, The Roadless Rule of 2001 generated hundreds of thousands of public comments and 600 public hearings across the country with the majority of Americans in support of the Rule; and

WHEREAS, these public lands are national treasures, prized by New Mexicans and the people of San Miguel County for the quality of life they bestow; and

WHEREAS, these lands provide significant economic benefit to our community in the form of tourism, real estate value, influx of new residents and businesses and activities directly related to their use and enjoyment; and

WHEREAS, all of the above mentioned economic benefits directly result in a significant tax base for San Miguel County; and

WHEREAS, these lands provide exceptional recreation and scenery, key to the culture and custom enjoyed by residents of San Miguel County and critically important to current and future generations; and

WHEREAS, these lands in their natural condition provide many benefits including clean and abundant water supplies, clean air and superior wildlife habitat; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico was the home of the first Wilderness in the United States; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico has fallen behind other Western states, and currently only 2% of New Mexico's acreage is designated as Wilderness, compared to 6% in Arizona, 15% in California, 6% in Colorado, 9% in Idaho, 4% in Montana and 5% in Wyoming; and

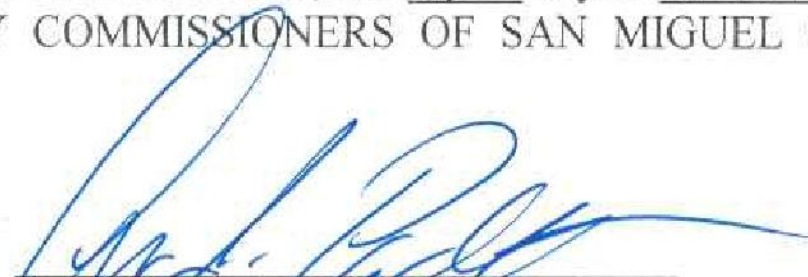
WHEREAS, wilderness designation allows hunting and fishing, grazing, hiking and horseback riding, and other traditional non-mechanized activities; and

WHEREAS, these unique Roadless Areas, with their special landscapes, can only be permanently protected by Federal designation as wilderness areas.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of San Miguel County, New Mexico, support Wilderness designation for the Inventoried Roadless Areas which are adjacent to the Pecos Wilderness.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the New Mexico Congressional Delegation and any other interested party.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED, this 23rd day of June, 2015 by the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SAN MIGUEL COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.



Arthur J. Padilla, Chairman


Gilbert J. B. Sena, Vice-Chairman



Marcellino A. Ortiz, Member


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Nicolas T. Leger, Member


Les W. J. Montoya, County Manager

ATTEST:


Geraldine Gutierrez
San Miguel County Clerk

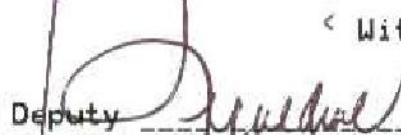
APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:


Joe C. Diaz, of Counsel
San Miguel County Attorney

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I Hereby Certify That This Instrument Was Filed for Record On The 24TH Day Of June, 2015 at 09:26:09 AM And Was Duly Recorded as Instrument #201502028 Of The Records Of San Miguel

Deputy  County Clerk, San Miguel, NM

Witness My Hand And Seal Of Office
Geraldine E. Gutierrez