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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SHORT TITLE Ft. Wingate Depot Cleanup SJM 24

ANALYST Armstrong

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY14	FY15		
	NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Joint Memorial 24 requests that New Mexico's congressional delegation urge the U.S. Department of the Army to expedite the cleanup of Fort Wingate so that it may be returned to the Navajo Nation and the Pueblo of Zuni and to appropriate the funds for that purpose.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

No fiscal impact.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The memorial states that the Fort Wingate site is rich in cultural heritage and historical significance including more than 200 Navajo ruins, 600 archaeological sites, and 200 ruins traceable to the Anasazi ancestors of the Zuni. SJM 24 also states that contaminants from munitions testing and other military operations, as well as asbestos and lead paint in buildings, present human health and ecological hazards and that the site is classified as a hazardous waste treatment facility under both New Mexico's Hazardous Waste Act and the federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act.

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