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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/7/15

SPONSOR McQueen LAST UPDATED _____ HM 45/aHAWC

SHORT TITLE Watershed Restoration for Cutthroat Trout SB _____

ANALYST Armstrong

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY15	FY16		
	NFI		

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD)

Responses Not Received From

Department of Game and Fish (DGF)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of HAWC Amendment

The House Agriculture, Water and Wildlife Committee replaced “discovered” with “encountered” in describing European explorers’ first experiences with Rio Grande cutthroat trout.

Synopsis of Bill

House Memorial 45 requests that EMNRD’s Forestry Division, in cooperation with DGF, support opportunities to restore watersheds for the benefit of the Rio Grande cutthroat trout.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

No fiscal impact.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The Forestry Division recognizes the critical need to protect, restore, and maintain functioning watersheds for a variety of reasons, including impacts to wildlife habitat and species of concern.

The division regularly coordinates with other agencies in planning and conducting restoration activities. Additionally the division currently implements and supports many opportunities for watershed restoration with state and federal partners throughout New Mexico. EMNRD received a \$6.2 million capital outlay appropriation for forest thinning and watershed restoration beginning in FY15.

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