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HOUSE BILL 271

**57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2026**

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AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR LAND PURCHASES AND MATCHING FUNDS  
BY THE OFFICE OF NATURAL RESOURCES TRUSTEE FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.--One hundred million dollars  
(\$100,000,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the  
office of natural resources trustee for expenditure in fiscal  
years 2027 through 2029 for land or interests in land for the  
creation, expansion or restoration of public land, including up  
to thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000) for state matching  
funds to political subdivisions of the state that have been  
approved for federal assistance funding due to a natural  
disaster. Any unexpended balance remaining at the end of  
fiscal year 2029 shall revert to the general fund.

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