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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Cisneros ORIGINAL DATE 03/11/19
 LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Carson Forest Plan Revision SJM 20

ANALYST Hanika-Ortiz

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY19	FY20	FY21	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total		No fiscal impact				

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Memorial

Senate Joint Memorial 20 (SJM20) expresses support for Carson National Forest plan revision alternative three and expresses opposition to wild and scenic river designation for the three forks of the Rio Santa Barbara, known as “CR 31,” within the Carson National Forest.

SJM 20 notes the Carson National Forest is revising its forest plan; communities adjacent to the forest are removing small diameter timber and improving watershed health; the forest plan is examining whether to recommend to Congress the three forks of the Rio Santa Barbara be given wild and scenic river status that may limit management activities for adjacent lands, including a prohibition against mechanical removal of downed trees; and La Merced de Santa Barbara, a land grant community established in the 1700s, has expressed a particular need for active management of CR 31 within the one and one-half mile segment between the Pecos Wilderness and Santa Barbara campground due to a historic pattern of fuel accumulation within that segment.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

No fiscal impact is expected or related to transmit memorial to the forester for Region 3 of the United States Forest Service, the forester for Carson National Forest and the New Mexico Congressional delegation.

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