Santa Barbara Land Grant

Up-date briefing to Interim Land Grant Committee
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Introduction

- Acknowledge
 - Chair Representative Miguel P. Garcia and Members of Interim Committee
 - New Mexico Land Grant Council
 - New Mexico Land Grant/Merced Consejo
 - Board and Members of other Land Grants
 - Other guests

Purpose

- Is to up-date Interim Land Grant Committee on:
 - New Camino Real District Ranger
 - SBLG will continue to participate on Carson National Forest Plan
 - Pecos Wilderness Expansion
 - Wild and Scenic Rivers Act
 - Special Use Permit on Sipapu Ski Resort Expansion
 - Health of the Santa Barbara and Rio Pueblo Watersheds
 - Secure traditional access to public land resources
 - Special Use Permit on Hay Cutting
 - SBLG involvement in the Copper Mountain Initiative
 - Conclusion

Camino Real Ranger District

- New Camino Real Range District Ranger, Mr. Michael Lujan
- Two Meetings over the telephone
- A new firewood cutting initiative

Carson National Forest Plan

- These are some of the areas SBLG provided comments to the Plan
 - Opposition to Pecos Wilderness Expansion
 - Opposition to inclusion of Santa Barbara River to the Wild and Scenic River Carson's recommendation
 - Serious concerns to the special use permit by Sipapu Ski Resort
 - Health of the Santa Barbara and Rio Pueblo watersheds
 - Continue traditional uses
 - Special Use Permit on Hay Cutting

Copper Mountain

- Working with State and Taos County on firewood initiative
- Using the Acequia Management concept on the operation
- Providing economic development for the community
- Plan to continue the operation in FY-2022

Conclusion

- SBLG need the help from the Committee in asking Mr. James Duran, the Carson National Supervisor to start a good faith and sincere dialogue with the Santa Barbara Land Grant.
- Need help from:
 - Taos County Planning and Zoning Office, State Engineers Office, and the State Environmental Protection Office on Sipapu Expansion
- SBLG need help from: the Committee, Land Grant Council, and Consejo on the Carson National Forest Plan
- Continued support from State Departments and Taos County for Copper Mountain project
- Subject to questions
- Thank you for your time