## SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 88

## 47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2005 INTRODUCED BY

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## A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE STATE PARKS DIVISION OF THE ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT TO CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR A PROPOSED STATE PARK IN QUESTA, NEW MEXICO.

WHEREAS, northern New Mexico, including Taos county, is known for its scenic beauty and diverse recreational attractions; and

WHEREAS, the town of Questa lies on the enchanted circle, one of New Mexico's most attractive and popular scenic byways; and

WHEREAS, Molycorp, incorporated, owns land of tremendous recreational value in the vicinity of Questa; and

WHEREAS, Molycorp, incorporated, may be willing to consider the sale of this property or otherwise be willing to dispose of the land in a manner that would allow the land to be .156479.2

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used for recreation purposes; and

WHEREAS, the land has a high mountain lake and scenic vistas and is contiguous to other public lands and forests;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the state parks division of the energy, minerals and natural resources department be requested to study the feasibility of creating a state park in the vicinity of Questa on land acquired from Molycorp, incorporated; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state parks division report its findings to the appropriate interim committee of the legislature by December 1, 2005; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the secretary of energy, minerals and natural resources and to the director of the state parks division.

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