

1 SENATE MEMORIAL 118

2 **53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2018**

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10 A MEMORIAL

11 COMMEMORATING THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FEDERAL WILD AND
12 SCENIC RIVERS ACT AND ENCOURAGING ALL NEW MEXICANS TO LEARN
13 MORE ABOUT THE ACT, TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO GO OUTDOORS AND
14 ENJOY NEW MEXICO'S GREATEST NATURAL RESOURCES.

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16 WHEREAS, the national wild and scenic rivers system was
17 created by congress in 1968 to preserve certain rivers with
18 outstanding natural, cultural and recreational values in a
19 free-flowing condition for the enjoyment of present and future
20 generations; and

21 WHEREAS, 2018 is the fiftieth anniversary of the federal
22 Wild and Scenic Rivers Act; and

23 WHEREAS, the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act is notable for
24 safeguarding the special character of these rivers while also
25 recognizing the potential for their appropriate use and

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1 development; and

2 WHEREAS, the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act encourages tier
3 management that crosses political boundaries and promotes
4 public participation in developing goals for river protection;
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6 WHEREAS, the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act recognizes three
7 tiers of rivers: wild, scenic and recreational; and

8 WHEREAS, designation neither prohibits development nor
9 gives the federal government control over private property and
10 does not affect existing water rights or the existing
11 jurisdiction of the state and the federal government as
12 determined by established principles of law; and

13 WHEREAS, of the two hundred eight rivers in forty states
14 classified as wild and scenic, New Mexico proudly boasts
15 portions of five: the Rio Chama, the east fork of the Jemez
16 river, the Red river, the Rio Grande and the Pecos river; and

17 WHEREAS, New Mexico's rivers are a precious and vital
18 source of recreation, natural enjoyment and economic benefit
19 for all New Mexicans and visitors to the state;

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
21 OF NEW MEXICO that the fiftieth anniversary of the federal Wild
22 and Scenic Rivers Act be commemorated; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all New Mexicans be encouraged
24 to learn more about the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all New Mexicans be encouraged

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1 to take the opportunity to go outdoors and enjoy New Mexico's
2 greatest natural resources; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
4 transmitted to the United States bureau of land management.

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