

April 11, 2025

HOUSE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 24

The Honorable Javier Martínez, Speaker of the House and
Members of the House of Representatives
State Capitol Building
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Honorable Speaker Martínez and Members of the House:

I have decided to veto HOUSE BILL 219, as amended, which would direct the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department's State Parks Division to create Slot Canyon Riverlands State Park in Doña Ana County. Our state parks are already woefully understaffed and undermaintained. The lack of park rangers in our existing parks is already a matter of great concern. Adding another state park will only spread already stretched resources even further. Although capital outlay funds were allocated to this endeavor, developing projects and spending the money within the specified timeframe will require additional, unfunded staff support.

Because of these issues, and pursuant to my authority under Article IV, Section 22 of the New Mexico Constitution, I have vetoed HOUSE BILL 219, as amended, enacted by the Fifty-Seventh Legislature, First Session, 2025.

Respectfully yours,

Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor

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