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HOUSE BILL 910

46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2003

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AN ACT

RELATING TO NATURAL RESOURCES; PROVIDING FOR WATERSHED
RESTORATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. SECRETARY OF ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL
RESOURCES--ADDITIONAL DUTIES.--The secretary of energy,
minerals and natural resources shall develop a comprehensive
watershed restoration strategy that sets guidelines for
coordination with state and federal land management agencies
and political subdivisions, including the soil and water
conservation districts. The strategy shall focus on removing
the overabundance of woody vegetation, particularly non-native
species of phreatophytes, that consume excessive amounts of
water and on reestablishing the natural ecology of New Mexico.
The strategy shall use:

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- A. incentives to encourage the formation of businesses to clear vegetation;
- B. incentives to encourage biomass energy use; and
- C. the use of inmates from the corrections department to assist with watershed cleanup.