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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO DIRECT THE
12 APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE DEPARTMENT OF GAME AND
13 FISH'S COOPERATIVE WORK WITH THE UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE
14 AND OTHER AGENCIES AND PARTIES TO COORDINATE EFFORTS TO
15 MAXIMIZE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE NATIONAL FOREST LAND
16 MANAGEMENT PLAN AND HELP SOLVE RELATED ISSUES.

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18 WHEREAS, Lincoln national forest is working on its
19 national forest land management plan; and

20 WHEREAS, watershed restoration must be an integral part of
21 this national forest land management plan; and

22 WHEREAS, grazing permits on national forest, state and
23 bureau of land management lands are contingent upon
24 availability of forage; and

25 WHEREAS, the abundance of wild game, in particular elk,

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1 has become a management issue concerning available forage; and

2 WHEREAS, the quality and quantity of sustainable water
3 resources have an economic impact on counties located in the
4 Lincoln national forest watershed;

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
6 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico legislative council be
7 requested to direct the appropriate committee to review the
8 department of game and fish's work to coordinate efforts to
9 maximize the effectiveness of the national forest land
10 management plan and help solve related issues; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in this endeavor, the
12 department of game and fish report to the appropriate
13 legislative committee; southeast and south central New Mexico
14 legislators; county commissioners from Otero, Eddy, Chaves and
15 Lincoln counties; the interstate stream commission; the state
16 engineer; the United States forest service; the bureau of land
17 management; the state land commissioner; the state forester;
18 the New Mexico cattle growers' association; the New Mexico
19 association of conservation districts; and other interested
20 parties; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
22 transmitted to the state game commission and the members of the
23 New Mexico legislative council.