

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25

SENATE MEMORIAL 50

50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2012

INTRODUCED BY

Phil A. Griego

A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THAT THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS REFRAIN FROM
DESIGNATING ADDITIONAL WILDERNESS AREAS SURROUNDING THE
EXISTING PECOS WILDERNESS.

WHEREAS, there is a local movement that would designate
additional acreage as wilderness surrounding the Pecos
wilderness in northern New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the federal Wilderness Act of 1964 prohibits the
use of "motor vehicles", "motorized equipment" and any "other
form of mechanical transport", as well as prohibiting any
"structure or installation within any such area"; and

WHEREAS, such prohibitions, limitations and restrictions
prevent watershed restoration, flood control and acequia and
watershed management for food production and municipal use; and

WHEREAS, such prohibitions, limitations and restrictions

underscored material = new
~~[bracketed material] = delete~~

underscored material = new
~~[bracketed material] = delete~~

1 prevent proper forest management by precluding timber sales,
2 forest thinning and active fire suppression; and

3 WHEREAS, such prohibitions, limitations and restrictions
4 prevent proper cattle management by severely limiting the
5 methods available to ranchers for maintaining fencing and water
6 infrastructure; and

7 WHEREAS, such prohibitions, limitations and restrictions
8 prevent mining and other extractive industries important to the
9 state; and

10 WHEREAS, such prohibitions, limitations and restrictions
11 limit access by law enforcement and search and rescue personnel
12 because access is allowed only on foot or horseback; and

13 WHEREAS, such prohibitions, limitations and restrictions
14 discriminate against the aged and physically handicapped by
15 making access to wilderness-designated lands inaccessible to
16 them; and

17 WHEREAS, wilderness designations can diminish the
18 fundamental economic opportunities of rural communities,
19 including, but not limited to, property values;

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
21 OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico congressional delegation be
22 requested to oppose the designation of any additional
23 wilderness area surrounding the existing Pecos wilderness; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
25 transmitted to the members of the New Mexico congressional

.189173.1

underscored material = new
~~[bracketed material] = delete~~

1 delegation, the majority leader of the United States senate and
2 the speaker of the United States house of representatives.

3 - 3 -
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25