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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO LIVESTOCK BOARD, THE NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOREST SERVICE TO STUDY WAYS OF RESOLVING THE PROBLEM OF ESTRAY AND UNBRANDED CATTLE.

WHEREAS, ranchers and farmers in southwestern New Mexico have experienced repeated trespass by estray and unbranded cattle; and

WHEREAS, these estray and unbranded cattle primarily originate in or near the Gila wilderness and Gila national forest; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico is a fence out state; and

WHEREAS, removal of estray and unbranded cattle can cause considerable uncompensated expense to the landowners even though the landowner may have appropriate fencing; and

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