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45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2002

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AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR SALT CEDAR AND PHREATOPHYTE

MANAGEMENT TO ENHANCE WATER SUPPLIES AND TO IMPROVE HABITAT

FOR THE WILLOW FLYCATCHER AND THE SILVERY MINNOW.

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

Section 1. APPROPRIATION.--Five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the board of regents of New Mexico state university for expenditure in fiscal year 2003 to improve water flow in the Rio Grande for endangered species habitation by supporting soil and water conservation districts' efforts to manage salt cedar and other phreatophytes, to restore native vegetation, to improve habitat for the willow flycatcher and the silvery minnow and to enhance water supplies in cooperation with the middle Rio Grande conservancy district. Any unexpended or unencumbered

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balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2003 shall revert to the general fund.

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