

A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO SUPPORT
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SABINOSO WILDERNESS.

WHEREAS, the Sabinoso area is located approximately
forty miles east of Las Vegas and twenty-five miles northwest
of Conchas Lake state park in San Miguel county; and

WHEREAS, approximately fifteen thousand acres of
existing federal lands have been proposed as the Sabinoso
wilderness area; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Sabinoso wilderness encompasses
the existing Sabinoso wilderness study area and the Sabinoso
area of critical environmental concern, both established by
the bureau of land management; and

WHEREAS, the area is characterized by long, deep canyons
carved into sandstone mesas with the dominant feature of the
area being the thousand-foot-deep Canon Largo, which connects
to the Canadian river just outside the proposed area; and

WHEREAS, the area contains exceptional scenery,
including the area's many canyons and incredibly broad vistas
across the eastern plains of the area; and

WHEREAS, the area is home to a range of wildlife and
game species, including mule deer, wild turkey, mourning dove,
rabbit, bobcat, coyote and gray fox, and also supports a wide
variety of birds, including red-tailed hawk, American kestrel,

mountain chickadee and broad-tailed hummingbird, among many others; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of the Sabinoso wilderness area will provide continued opportunities for future generations of New Mexicans to enjoy recreation such as hunting, hiking, observing wildlife, horseback riding and experiencing solitude; and

WHEREAS, no private lands will be included or adversely affected by the creation of the wilderness; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Sabinoso wilderness area protects existing traditional uses, including grazing and hunting; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Sabinoso wilderness area will provide sustainable economic opportunities for local individuals and communities, including hunting, guiding, bed and breakfasts and other economic benefits;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico congressional delegation be requested to support the creation of the Sabinoso wilderness area; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the bureau of land management be requested to work with the state land office and department of game and fish to consolidate this unique habitat and to provide public access to the area for hunting and other pursuits; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be

transmitted to the New Mexico congressional delegation, the commissioner of public lands, the director of the department of game and fish and the state director of the bureau of land management.