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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 3/2/2007

SPONSOR Asbill LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Forest Land Management Plan Review and Issues SB SJM 67

ANALYST Schuss

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	NFI		

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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Did Not Respond

Department of Game and Fish (DGF)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Joint Memorial 67 requests the New Mexico Legislative Council to direct the appropriate committee to review the Department of Game and Fish's cooperative work with the United States Forest Service and other agencies and parties to coordinate efforts to maximize the effectiveness of the National Forest Land Management Plan and help solve related issues.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Senate Joint Memorial 67 states that the Lincoln National Forest is working on its National Forest Land Management Plan. Watershed restoration must be an integral part of this National Forest Land Management Plan. Grazing permits on National Forest, State and Bureau of Land Management Lands are contingent upon availability of forage and the abundance of wild game, in particular elk, has become a management issue concerning available forage. The quality and quantity of sustainable water resources have an economic impact on counties located in the Lincoln national forest watershed.

The Legislature of the State of New Mexico requests that the New Mexico Legislative Council be requested to direct the appropriate committee to review the Department of Game and Fish's

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work to coordinate efforts to maximize the effectiveness of the National Forest Land Management Plan and help resolve related issues.

SJM 67 requests that the Department of Game and Fish report to the appropriate legislative committee; Southeast and South Central New Mexico legislators; County Commissioners from Otero, Eddy, Chaves and Lincoln Counties; the Interstate Stream Commission; the State Engineer; the United States Forest Service; the Bureau of Land Management; the State Land Commissioner; the State Forester; the New Mexico Cattle Growers' Association; the New Mexico Association of Conservation Districts; and other interested parties

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