

1 A JOINT MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THE STATE PARKS DIVISION OF THE ENERGY, MINERALS
3 AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT TO COOPERATE WITH THE
4 DEPARTMENT OF GAME AND FISH TO ESTABLISH PECOS CANYON STATE
5 PARK IN SAN MIGUEL COUNTY.

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7 WHEREAS, the Pecos canyon north of the village of Pecos
8 in San Miguel county is one of New Mexico's most scenic and
9 popular recreational areas; and

10 WHEREAS, this portion of Pecos canyon contains an
11 outstanding diversity of resources with statewide, and in
12 some cases, national, significance, including areas of
13 scientific, aesthetic, geologic, natural, cultural and
14 recreational value; and

15 WHEREAS, Pecos canyon provides recreational
16 opportunities that serve the entire state as well as visitors
17 to New Mexico; and

18 WHEREAS, the state game commission holds title to lands
19 in Pecos canyon that have been managed by the department of
20 game and fish for protection of fish and wildlife habitat and
21 for recreation; and

22 WHEREAS, the Pecos canyon recreational use capacity
23 assessment completed by the department of game and fish in
24 June 2008 concluded that the natural and cultural resources
25 of Pecos canyon would benefit from improved and enhanced

1 management of the lands owned by the state game commission;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, the Pecos canyon recreational use capacity
4 assessment suggests that the state parks division of the
5 energy, minerals and natural resources department is better
6 suited to directly manage these state-owned lands to maximize
7 the benefits of the Pecos canyon for New Mexico residents and
8 visitors; and

9 WHEREAS, the Pecos canyon recreational use capacity
10 assessment satisfies the requirement for a state park
11 feasibility study required by Section 16-2-11 NMSA 1978; and

12 WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the residents of
13 New Mexico to designate a state park in Pecos canyon;

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
15 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the state parks division of the
16 energy, minerals and natural resources department be
17 requested to establish Pecos canyon state park on lands owned
18 by the state game commission and other lands that the state
19 parks division determines to be appropriate; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
21 transmitted to the secretary of energy, minerals and natural
22 resources, the director of the department of game and fish and
23 the chair of the state game commission. _____