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**51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2013**

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO ENCOURAGE THE UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE TO FORM A MANAGEMENT, PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION PARTNERSHIP AND TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO PROTECT THE GALLINAS WATERSHED AND THE SURFACE WATER SUPPLY DELIVERED FROM THE WATERSHED AND TO PLAN FOR AND MINIMIZE THE IMPACTS OF FOREST FIRES ON THE WATERSHED.

WHEREAS, the prevalence of forest fires and drought in the state is increasing; and

WHEREAS, it is inevitable that fire and drought conditions will persist into the future; and

WHEREAS, it is critical to begin the process of planning for post-forest fire situations with water supply treatment facilities and methods to ensure the delivery of potable water to the residents within San Miguel county; and

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1           WHEREAS, San Miguel county needs federal partnerships and  
2 federal financial assistance to increase forest fire mitigation  
3 applications in the Gallinas watershed to address the critical  
4 threats to the water supply for a municipal water system that  
5 currently serves over five thousand customers in a county with  
6 more than twenty-nine thousand residents; and

7           WHEREAS, the identification and implementation of  
8 hazardous fuel reduction treatments and post-catastrophic  
9 forest fire treatments on United States forest service  
10 properties and outreach efforts to create public awareness  
11 about existing fire danger are necessary to ensure that the  
12 Gallinas watershed and the water it provides are protected  
13 against destruction; and

14           WHEREAS, the existing conditions and unmitigated trends of  
15 forest fires and droughts threaten the health, safety and  
16 welfare of the residents of San Miguel county;

17           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
18 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico  
19 congressional delegation be requested to encourage the United  
20 States forest service to complete a review of the area and  
21 conditions surrounding the Gallinas watershed, commit to  
22 forming a management, planning and implementation partnership  
23 with and provide financial assistance to all local partners so  
24 as to protect the Gallinas watershed and its water supply and  
25 implement every possible measure to reduce the impact of forest

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1 fires and minimize post-fire incidents; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
3 transmitted to the members of the New Mexico congressional  
4 delegation.

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