

1 A MEMORIAL

2 COMMEMORATING THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FEDERAL WILD
3 AND SCENIC RIVERS ACT AND ENCOURAGING ALL NEW MEXICANS TO
4 LEARN MORE ABOUT THE ACT, TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO GO OUTDOORS
5 AND ENJOY NEW MEXICO'S GREATEST NATURAL RESOURCES.

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7 WHEREAS, the national wild and scenic rivers system was
8 created by congress in 1968 to preserve certain rivers with
9 outstanding natural, cultural and recreational values in a
10 free-flowing condition for the enjoyment of present and
11 future generations; and

12 WHEREAS, 2018 is the fiftieth anniversary of the federal
13 Wild and Scenic Rivers Act; and

14 WHEREAS, the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act is notable for
15 safeguarding the special character of these rivers while also
16 recognizing the potential for their appropriate use and
17 development; and

18 WHEREAS, the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act encourages tier
19 management that crosses political boundaries and promotes
20 public participation in developing goals for river
21 protection; and

22 WHEREAS, the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act recognizes three
23 tiers of rivers: wild, scenic and recreational; and

24 WHEREAS, designation neither prohibits development nor
25 gives the federal government control over private property

1 and does not affect existing water rights or the existing
2 jurisdiction of the state and the federal government as
3 determined by established principles of law; and

4 WHEREAS, of the two hundred eight rivers in forty states
5 classified as wild and scenic, New Mexico proudly boasts
6 portions of five: the Rio Chama, the east fork of the
7 Jemez river, the Red river, the Rio Grande and the
8 Pecos river; and

9 WHEREAS, New Mexico's rivers are a precious and vital
10 source of recreation, natural enjoyment and economic benefit
11 for all New Mexicans and visitors to the state;

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
13 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the fiftieth anniversary of the
14 federal Wild and Scenic Rivers Act be commemorated; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all New Mexicans be
16 encouraged to learn more about the Wild and Scenic Rivers
17 Act; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all New Mexicans be
19 encouraged to take the opportunity to go outdoors and enjoy
20 New Mexico's greatest natural resources; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
22 transmitted to the United States bureau of land
23 management.
