### SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 11

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 1998

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### A JOINT MEMORIAL

SUPPORTING FEDERAL ACQUISITION OF THE BACA LOCATION NUMBER 1
BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR SPECIAL
MANAGEMENT BY THE UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE.

WHEREAS, the Baca location number 1, known as the Baca ranch, owned by the Dunigan family through the Baca land and cattle company comprises over ninety-five thousand acres, located primarily in Sandoval county, deep in the Jemez mountains, and in that single-party ownership, has been successfully and responsibly managed as a cattle ranch for over thirty years; and

WHEREAS, the Baca ranch contains the Valles Caldera, one of the most significant volcanic features in the world; and

WHEREAS, the Baca ranch boasts of scenic and natural beauty and diversity of wildlife and promises enormous

recreational opportunities for all people of our nation; and WHEREAS, the valleys within the Caldera act as the incubator for one of the largest elk herds in the country; and WHEREAS, since 1955, presidents, leaders in congress and

WHEREAS, since 1955, presidents, leaders in congress and secretaries of the interior have encouraged federal acquisition and management of the Baca ranch; and

WHEREAS, the owners of the Baca ranch have again offered to sell the property to the United States; and

WHEREAS, legislation has been introduced in congress to authorize the acquisition of the Baca ranch by the secretary of agriculture; and

WHEREAS, former secretaries of the interior Manuel Lujan and Stewart Udall lead a broad spectrum of New Mexicans in supporting the federal acquisition of the Baca ranch; and

WHEREAS, the pueblos of Jemez, San Ildefonso and Santa Clara have long-standing traditional and cultural roots in the Valles Caldera and support the federal acquisition of the area; and

WHEREAS, federal acquisition of the Baca ranch coupled with congress providing for special management by the secretary of agriculture could result in the protection and use of this incredible land for future generations; and

WHEREAS, future management of the Baca ranch could accommodate hunting, fishing and limited multiple use management insofar as it preserves and protects the scenic and

natural value of the lands, as well as the traditional uses of people of the pueblos of Jemez, San Ildefonso and Santa Clara; and

WHEREAS, the forest service's land management planning process would guide management of the land and provide for consultation and cooperation with units of local government, the pueblos and the general public; and

WHEREAS, appropriate federal management of the Baca ranch would increase federal revenues coming to the counties in which the land is located and could promote tourism and other forms of limited economic development to the overall benefit of Sandoval, Los Alamos and Rio Arriba counties;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico congressional delegation support and encourage passage of legislation authorizing the purchase by the federal government of the Baca location number 1, including the Valles Caldera; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Baca ranch be designated upon purchase for special management as a unit of the national forest system by the United States forest service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that after the acquisition of the land, the United States forest service initiate a process of public hearings to establish a management plan that will ensure that the Baca ranch will be principally managed to allow public access for hunting, fishing and other forms of

recreation and that multiple use will be permitted to the extent that it is compatible with protection of the natural values of the area; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that after acquisition of the Baca ranch, the pueblos of Jemez, San Ildefonso and Santa Clara be included in negotiations with the secretary of agriculture concerning management of the acquired land to ensure that their traditional and cultural use claims are satisfied: and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be distributed to the president of the United States, members of the New Mexico congressional delegation, the governor of the pueblo of Jemez, the governor of the pueblo of San Ildefonso and the governor of the pueblo of Santa Clara.

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7	Mr. President:
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9	Your RULES COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred
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13	has had it under consideration and reports same with
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15	CONSERVATION COMMITTEE.
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24	Gloria Howes, Chairman
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Mr. President:

Your CONSERVATION COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

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has had it under consideration and reports same with recommendation that it **DO PASS**, amended as follows:

- 1. On page 1, line 20, strike "as a cattle ranch".
- 2. On page 2, line 10, before "secretary" insert "United States".
- 3. On page 2, line 15, strike "the pueblos of" and insert in lieu thereof "pueblos, including", and on line 16, after "Clara" insert a comma.

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On page 2, line 17, after "and" insert "generally".

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On page 2, line 21, before "secretary" insert "United **5**. States".

On page 2, line 25, after "scenic" insert ",

cul tural ".

7. On page 3, line 1, strike the second "of" and insert in lieu thereof "by Native Americans;".

8. On page 3, strike line 2 in its entirety.

On page 3, line 18, after "that", insert "the New 9. Mexico legislature request that".

On page 3, line 22, after "service", insert "be 10. requested to".

On page 3, line 24, strike the remainder of the line after "will" and on line 25, strike "allow" and insert in lieu thereof "afford".

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4	12. On page 4, line 4, after "after" insert "federal".
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6	13. On page 4, line 5, after "San Ildefonso" strike "and
7	Santa Clara" and insert in lieu thereof ", Santa Clara and other
8	surrounding pueblos".
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10	14. On page 4, line 6, strike "negotiations" and insert in
11	ieu thereof "discussions" and before "secretary" insert "United
12	States".
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14	15. On page 4, line 8, strike the colon and insert in lieu
15	thereof a semicolon.
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Respectfully submitted,

Michael S. Sanchez, Chairman

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23	1. On page 2, line 24, after the word "fishing" insert ",	
24	livestock grazing, logging".	
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	2. On page 3, line 3, after the word "and" insert "a full	

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SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENT number \_\_\_\_\_ to SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL

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Amendment sponsored by Senator Timothy Z. Jennings

1. On page 3, line 12, insert "and" following the semicolon, and between lines 12 and 13, insert the following:

"WHEREAS, in any such major government undertaking as this recommended land acquisition, the impact of taking private land off the tax base must be a major consideration;".

2. On page 4, between lines 8 and 9, insert the following:

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the federal government, in considering the purchase of the Baca ranch, strive to create whatever other land trades and acquisitions possible to either trade for this valuable property or, in whatever manner possible, ensure that the arrangement does not result in a net

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reducing our tax base; and".	
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