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CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-__

INTRODUCED BY:

Mayor Alan Webber

A RESOLUTION

CALLING ON THE NEW MEXICO CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO ADVOCATE FOR THE PRESERVATION AND MANAGEMENT OF NEW MEXICO’S PUBLIC LANDS.

WHEREAS, New Mexico is home to public lands, comprising a significant proportion -- approximately 31.7%-- of its total area; and

WHEREAS, public lands are integral to New Mexico’s economy, environment, and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, federal agencies manage a large proportion of New Mexico’s public lands (“Public Lands”), such as the United States Forest Service, National Park Service, and the Bureau of Land Management, and provide essential resources, including grazing lands for agricultural operations, habitats for wildlife, and opportunities for outdoor recreation; and

WHEREAS, the residents of Santa Fe deeply value Public Lands for their recreational, economic, cultural, and spiritual significance, recognizing that these lands are accessible to all, regardless of socioeconomic status, race, or gender; and

WHEREAS, Public Lands contribute significantly to the local economy through activities

1 such as mineral extraction, timber sales, ranching, tourism, and outdoor recreation, which
2 contribute substantially to New Mexico’s economy; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the 2023 United States Bureau of Economic Analysis shows that outdoor
4 recreation in New Mexico generated \$3.2 billion in economic output, accounted for 2.4% of the
5 state’s Gross Domestic Product, and supported 29,182 jobs, demonstrating the profound economic
6 significance of Public Lands and outdoor recreation to New Mexico and to the city of Santa Fe;
7 and

8 **WHEREAS**, there are ongoing attempts to transfer or sell off Public Lands and such
9 attempts are inconsistent with the values and interests of the residents of Santa Fe and New Mexico;
10 and

11 **WHEREAS**, federal management of Public Lands ensures that resources are managed for
12 the benefit of all Americans, creating the opportunity to address complex challenges such as
13 wildfire management, watershed protection, and wildlife conservation; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the cost associated with managing Public Lands is a national responsibility,
15 and federal involvement is crucial for the long-term health and sustainability of the resources on
16 Public Land; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the City of Santa Fe (“City”) recognizes the importance of multiple uses of
18 Public Lands, including but not limited to, grazing, energy development, and recreation; and

19 **WHEREAS**, the City also recognizes the importance of Public Lands to the community
20 and the City’s role in supporting preservation of public lands.

21 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE GOVERNING BODY OF**
22 **THE CITY OF SANTA FE**

- 23 1. Strongly supports the continued federal management and stewardship of Public Lands
24 within New Mexico.
- 25 2. Opposes any efforts to sell, transfer, or dispose of Public Lands.

1 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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25 *Legislation/2025/Resolutions/Supporting Public Lands*