



CITY OF SANTA FE

Memorandum

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To: Governing Body and Quality of Life Committee

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RE: Resolution Supporting Public Lands

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The proposed resolution affirms the City of Santa Fe's support for the continued federal stewardship of federal public lands ("Public Lands") in New Mexico and opposes any effort to sell, transfer, or reduce Public Land protections. The resolution calls on the New Mexico Congressional Delegation to reject legislation that would negatively impact public lands and support legislation that would fully fund public lands, protect the Antiquities Act, and preserve national monuments. If approved, the City would send copies of the Resolution to members of the New Mexico Congressional Delegation, the Governor of New Mexico, and relevant federal land management agencies.

BACKGROUND:

Federally owned Public Lands make up nearly one-third of New Mexico and are essential to the state's economy and environment. Managed by federal agencies, public lands support recreation, grazing, conservation, and other uses that benefit the residents of the city of Santa Fe. In 2023, outdoor recreation alone generated \$3.2 billion in economic output and supported over 29,000 jobs in New Mexico. Santa Fe residents deeply value public lands for their accessibility, natural beauty, and cultural significance. However, recent efforts to sell or transfer these lands threaten their long-term preservation. The proposed resolution expresses the Governing Body's support for continued federal management and stewardship of New Mexico's Public Lands.

ATTACHMENTS:

Fiscal Impact Report
Resolution