

GRANT COUNTY
SILVER CITY, NEW MEXICO 88061

Resolution **R-05-49**

Whereas The Board of Grant County Commissioners believes that

The Congress of the United States has mandated that the National Forest Service lands shall be available for multiple use by all citizens; and,

The use of all existing roads in the Gila National Forest (including hundreds of miles of roads in the "so -called" roadless areas) provide economic and recreational opportunities for all citizens; and,

The proposed closure of roads in the Gila National Forest would cause unnecessary and irreparable financial hardships to Grant County's economy by severely limiting and/or denying citizens the right to pursue multiple use activities as mandated by the Congress of the United States; and,

That many roads in the Gila National Forest are RS-2477 roads under the direct jurisdiction of Grant County, New Mexico.

THEREFORE, The Board of Grant County Commissioners hereby Officially resolves;

That it opposes the closure of any existing roads in Gila National Forest Service lands, and;

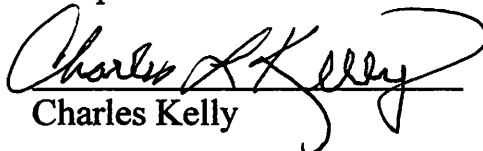
That it opposes the creation of any additional Road less or Wilderness Classification or designations within the Gila National Forest lands located within the boundaries of Grant Count, New Mexico.

DONE, at Silver City, New Mexico this 8 day of December, 2005

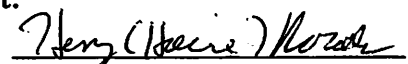
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER
SILVER CITY, NEW MEXICO


Chairman, Henry Torres


Joseph Arellano


Charles Kelly

Attest:


Clerk, Henry "Howie" Morales

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

Governor Bill Richardson
State Capitol, Room 400
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87503

RE: United States Forest Service (USFS), Roadless Rule (RR), and Travel Management Rule (TMR)

Dear Governor Richardson:

As currently proposed, the USFS, RR, and TMR impose unrealistic and unnecessary hardships (financial, cultural, and personal) on Grant County, the citizens of Grant County, and visitors to Grant County for the following reasons:

1) 75% to 80% of the "so-called" Roadless areas in the Gila National forest contain hundreds of miles of roads that are routinely used by Grant county residents and visitors for dozens of legitimate purposes, i.e.: Hunting, fishing, wood gathering, picnicking, camping, pinon nut gathering, and ranching to name a few.

2) Imposing these unenforceable restrictions will certainly deny our citizens the right to use the United States Forest Lands as mandated by the Congress of the United States.

I am enclosing a resolution signed by the Grant County Commission opposing any and all proposed road closures within National Forest Lands located within the boundaries of Grant County, New Mexico.

Both myself and the Grant County Commissioners are available for discussion of this matter. Please contact me at (505) 574-0001

Respectfully,


Grant County Manager