

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
THE COUNTY OF GRANT  
RESOLUTION # R-15-19

**RESOLUTION ASSERTING LEGAL STANDING AND FORMALLY REQUESTING  
COORDINATION STATUS WITH THE NATIONAL FOREST SERVICE REGARDING  
THE GILA NATIONAL FOREST LAND MANAGEMENT PLAN REVISION**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners in Grant County, New Mexico is a legal subdivision of New Mexico State government, organized under State law and consisting of three commissioners who are duly elected by the citizens of Grant County, New Mexico; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the Constitutional duty of the duly elected County Commissioners to protect and promote the public health, safety and general welfare of the citizens of our county; and

**WHEREAS**, the economic base and stability of the County is significantly dependent upon commercial and business activities operated on federally managed, and/or regulated lands that include, but are not limited to timber, mining, livestock, grazing, farming, recreation, tourism and other commercial pursuits; and

**WHEREAS**, Congress clearly set forth statutory authority for coordination in the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA), the National Forest Management Act, the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Endangered Species Act, the Wild and Scenic River Act, the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, the Soil and Water Resources Conservation Act, the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act as well as through the Department of Homeland Security; and

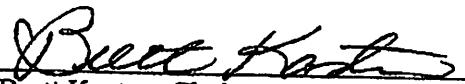
**WHEREAS**, pursuant to NEPA, Federal agencies must coordinate their management plans and actions with local government plans to make them consistent and requires assessment of the direct, indirect and cumulative effects of Federal or state agency planning decisions on the environment including the ecological, aesthetic, historic, cultural social, economic and other impacts that may occur as a result of private and/or governmental actions. See 42 USC § 4332; 40 CFR §§ 1506.2, 1508.7, and 1508.8; and

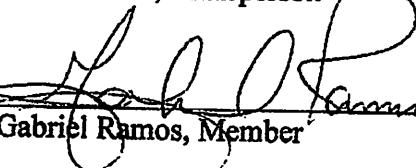
**WHEREAS**, Congress has expressly directed that “coordination” of the planning and management of public lands “shall provide for meaningful public involvement of . . . local government officials, both elected and appointed, in the development of land use programs, land use regulations, and land use decisions for public lands, including early public notice of proposed decisions which may have a significant impact on non-Federal lands.” FLPMA, 43 USC § 1712(c)(9).

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners for Grant County does hereby assert legal standing and formally requests coordination status with the National Forest Service in regards to the Gila National Forest Land Management Plan revision.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Grant County Board of Commissioners on this 25th day of June 2015.

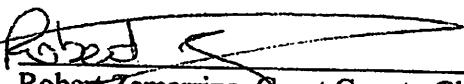
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