



**R-25-57 RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CONTINUED FEDERAL MANAGEMENT AND  
STEWARDSHIP OF PUBLIC LANDS WITHIN GRANT COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, public lands managed by federal agencies, such as the U.S. Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management, hold significant recreational, economic, sustenance, cultural, and spiritual values for the citizens of Grant County, who desire these lands to remain accessible to all;

**WHEREAS**, in Grant County, the Bureau of Land Management oversees 339,816 acres, and the Forest Service manages 866,039 acres, totaling approximately 1,205,855 acres of federal public land;

**WHEREAS**, the costs associated with managing these lands are a national responsibility, making federal involvement crucial for the long-term health and sustainability of these resources;

**WHEREAS**, there are ongoing attempts to transfer or sell public lands, which undermine the importance of multiple uses of these lands, including but not limited to grazing, energy development, and recreational activities;

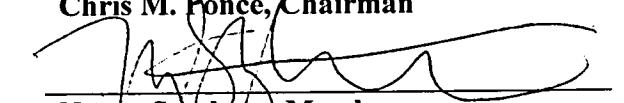
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Grant County Board of Commissioners hereby expresses strong support for the continued federal management and stewardship of public lands, opposing any efforts to sell, transfer, or dispose of these public lands within Grant County outside of preexisting authorities such as the Small Tracts Act that allow for the conveyance of small parcels of federal land where such parcels remaining in the federal public domain present unique management challenges related to encumbrances, community infrastructure, access, landownership boundaries, and/or similar issues.

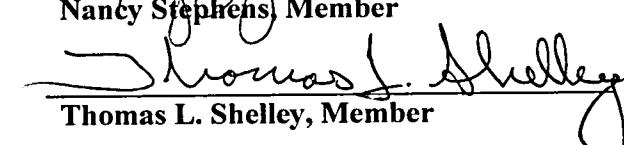
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that copies of this resolution be sent to the members of the New Mexico Congressional Delegation, the Governor of New Mexico, and the relevant federal land management agencies.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, we have hereunto set our hands and seal of the County of Grant to be affixed in Silver City, Grant County, New Mexico this 25<sup>th</sup> day of September 2025.

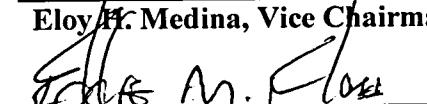
**BOARD OF GRANT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
GRANT COUNTY, NEW MEXICO:**

  
Chris M. Ponce, Chairman

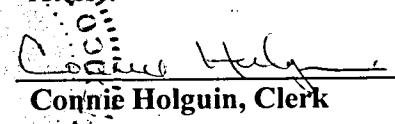
  
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Attest:

  
Connie Holguin, Clerk