

RESOLUTION #R-18-27

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION TO DESIGNATE CERTAIN SPECIFIC PORTIONS OF THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM AS A DESIGNATED ROV ROUTE

WHEREAS, The Board of Grant County Commissioners passed ordinance O-17-03 which allows the use of recreational off highway vehicles (ROV) on paved roads owned and controlled by Grant County: and,

WHEREAS, the areas of NM 35 and NM 15 are popular Gila National Forest access areas for hunting, fishing and recreation. Currently, anyone enjoying the forest with its many roads and trails for ROV use cannot leave one and drive to the other without traveling on the paved highway. Most of the areas do not have enough of a shoulder if one at all to allow for safe operation of the ROV from one trail system to another. NM 293 accesses Sacaton Road and Box Canyon Recreation Areas. NM 153 access the Double E Ranch (now owned by NMDGF) and Turkey Creek Recreation areas, and;

WHEREAS, in accordance with NMSA 1978, Sections 67-3-2(D), 66-3-1001.1, 66-3-1011 and CP 71 in regards to allowing the use of recreational off highway vehicles on paved highways;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Grant County Commissioners Grant County is requesting New Mexico State Transportation Commission to designate the following specific portions of the state highway system as an ROV route:

NM 35 at mile marker 12.2 (from its intersection with McKnight Canyon Road Forest Road 152) to its intersection with NM 15.

NM 15 at mile marker 6.2 near Pinos Altos north to the intersection with NM 35.

NM 211 from its intersection with NM 153 in Gila mile marker 4 to its intersection with NM 293 mile marker 5.4.

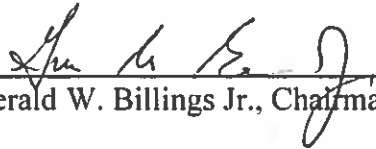
NM 293 from Cliff north towards the box canyon area of the Gila River.

NM 153 from Gila north towards the Turkey Creek area of the Gila River.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 16th day of August, 2018 in Silver City, Grant County, New Mexico.

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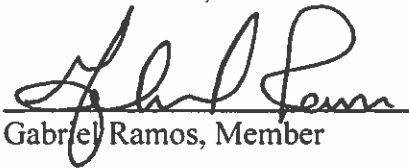
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS GRANT COUNTY, NEW MEXICO:



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New Mexico State Transportation Commission
Santa Fe NM

August 16, 2018

Re: ROV use on New Mexico Highways in Grant County

New Mexico State Transportation Commission:

Grant County recently passed ordinance O-17-03 which allows the use of recreational off highway vehicles (ROV) on paved roads owned and controlled by Grant County. In accordance with NMSA 1978, Sections 67-3-2(D), 66-3-1001.1, 66-3-1011 and CP 71 in regards to allowing the use of recreational off highway vehicles on paved highways, Grant County is requesting permission to use the following highways:

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Grant County would like permission to install ROV begin and ROV end signs at the beginning and ending points of each segment described including signs where Highway 35 intersects with Highway 15 since ROV will be prohibited North of this intersection.

Sincerely,

Gerald W Billings, Jr.
Chairman
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