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City of Grants

Resolution 14-1455

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRANTS, NEW MEXICO TO SUPPORT PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE CIBOLA NATIONAL FOREST MOUNTAIN RANGER DISTRICTS AND OPPOSING ANY DESIGNATION OF ANY PART OF THE CIBOLA NATIONAL FOREST MOUNTAIN RANGER DISTRICTS AS A WILDERNESS AREA.

WHEREAS, the Grants City Council is the duly elected and governing body of the City of Grants , New Mexico;

WHEREAS, the Grants City Council supports total access to the Cibola National Forest Mountain Ranger Districts for the Handicap, Elderly and Disabled American Veterans;

WHEREAS, the Grants City Council supports total access to the Cibola National Forest Mountain Ranger Districts to the Public for the purpose if wood hauling to heat their homes and cook their meals;

WHEREAS, the Grants City Council supports total access to the Cibola National Forest Mountain Ranger Districts to the Public for the purpose of recreation, to include all terrain vehicles (4-wheelers), dirt biking (motorcycles), snowmobiling, cross country skiing, mountain biking, hiking, picnicking, camping and hunting;

WHEREAS, the Grants City Council supports access to the summit of Mountain Taylor for the purpose of the annual Quadrathalon Race;

WHEREAS, the Grants City Council supports total access to the Cibola National Forest Mountain Ranger Districts for the purpose of mining, conducted in a safe and environment friendly way as a viable means for Citizens to make a living;

WHEREAS, the Grants City Council supports total access to the Cibola National Forest Mountain Ranger Districts for the purpose of ranching and grazing cattle as a viable means for Citizens to make a living;

WHEREAS, the Grants City Council supports total access to the Cibola National Forest Mountain Ranger Districts for the purpose of logging and forest restoration as a viable means for Citizens to make a living and to prevent devastating wild fires;

WHEREAS, the Grants City Council supports access to the highest peaks within the Cibola National Forest Mountain Ranger Districts for the purpose of Communication Towers, for Public safety and a viable means for Citizens to make a living;

WHEREAS, there are hundreds of thousands of acres of Public lands within the State of New Mexico and the Cibola National Forest Mountain Ranger Districts already designated as wilderness area's with very restrictive travel plans, limiting access to these Public Lands for the handicap, elderly and Disabled American Veterans;

WHEREAS, Wilderness Area's are prone to devastating wild fires that destroy total ecosystems and water drainages, causing flooding in the monsoon season, filling municipal water reservoirs with ash and ruining public water systems;

WHEREAS, most of the Mountain Taylor Ranger District is already designated as a T.C.P. (Traditional Cultural Property) and is protected under this designation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Grants City Council wholeheartedly supports total public access to the Cibola National Forest Mountain Ranger Districts and their present designations as multi use, multipurpose Mountain Ranger Districts;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Grants City Council is strictly opposed to the closing of any active roads, or the designation of any part of the Cibola National Forest Mountain Ranger Districts as a Wilderness Area;

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 15th day of July, 2014