

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF ROOSEVELT
RESOLUTION NO. 2013-01

A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE PETITION TO LIST
THE LESSER PRAIRIE-CHICKEN AS THREATENED

WHEREAS, Roosevelt County is a legal subdivision of New Mexico State government, organized under State Law; 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 citizens of the Roosevelt County have historically earned their livelihood from activities on private land reliant upon natural resources and waters within the county, the production of oil and gas and other minerals, and other activities critical to the economy of the county; and

WHEREAS, the economic base and stability of the county is significantly dependent upon commercial and business activities operated on federally and state-owned, managed, and/or regulated lands that include, but are not limited to mining, oil and gas production, livestock, grazing, farming, recreation, tourism and other commercial pursuits; and

WHEREAS, Roosevelt County has been identified as having (Estimated Occupied Range/Estimated Historic Range) for the Lesser Prairie-Chicken (*Tympanuchus pallidicinctus*) that will have a direct affect on land and citizens in the county; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is the lead federal agency for this project and is responsible for the information gathering process and oversight of a petition to list the Lesser Prairie-chicken as threatened under the Endangered Species Act; and

WHEREAS, Congress has long recognized the importance of local government in the management of and actions upon the nation's resources and it has been very specific in mandating that federal land use agencies coordinate their policies and management activities with local government; and

WHEREAS, Congress clearly set forth statutory authority for working directly with and coordinating with local government in the Federal Land Policy and Management Act, the National Forest Management Act, the National Environment Policy Act, 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 Homeland Security Act; and

WHEREAS, Congress has defined "coordination" to mean the "meaningful public involvement of state and local government officials...in the development of land use programs, land use regulations, and land use decisions for public lands", and reasonably contemplates "meaningful involvement" as referring to on-going consultations and involvement throughout the planning cycle, not merely at the end of the planning cycle. This coordination extends to the level of "prior notice" and "meaningful" participation above and ahead of "public participation"; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Roosevelt County has asserted its legal standing when adopting Resolution No. 2013-01 on Thursday, January 10th, 2013, and hereby formally requests coordination status with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and other federal agencies for that portion of the Lesser Prairie-chicken Listing Petition over lands and/or resources located within or affecting the jurisdiction of Roosevelt County, New Mexico.

Done this 10th day of January, 2013 in open meeting.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ROOSEVELT COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

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