

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

COUNTY OF ROOSEVELT

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-09

A Resolution Supporting H.R. 4315

WHEREAS, New Mexico counties have been inundated by expanded and new listings of endangered species; and

WHEREAS, the impacts to New Mexico counties of these listings include significant detriment to the County's custom, culture, historic land uses and on the social, economic and human resources of the County; and

WHEREAS, The existence of proposed ESA listings are completely unknown to the counties prior to publication of proposed listings, which relegates Counties to the position of the General Public in spite of the fact that the agencies tout the idea the Counties are entitled to cooperating agency status; and

WHEREAS, Cooperating Agency status is a complete fiction, Counties are routinely denied any meaningful participation in the EA or EIS process, are blocked from participation on the ID team to design the EA or EIS, and have no input on the identification, or selection of alternatives to be considered in the environmental process; and

WHEREAS, the full brunt of the detrimental impacts that are attendant to environmental planning are felt directly and dramatically at the local government level including adverse impacts to the custom, culture, historical land uses and on the social, economic and human resources of the County; and

WHEREAS, the tactics used by groups to force these listings include an intentional effort preclude participation by counties in the initial planning of any recovery effort and are not consistent with other federal acts; and

WHEREAS, facing current economic conditions, New Mexico counties believe that transparency and accountability must be paramount in any proposed recovery process.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Roosevelt County hereby requests our New Mexico Congressional Delegation to SUPPORT HR 4315 passed by the United States House of Representatives on July 29, 2014 and further requests that all bills brought before Congress that will benefit New Mexico counties by adding transparency, accountability and that further modernize the Endangered Species Act be favorably voted for.

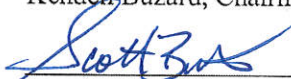


PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 5th day of September 2014.

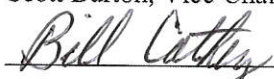
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
ROOSEVELT COUNTY, NEW MEXICO



Kendall Buzard, Chairman



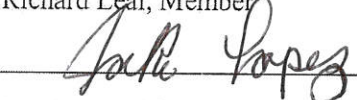
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Jake Lopez, Member

ATTEST:



DeAun Searl, County Clerk

