



THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF TORRANCE COUNTY

Resolution 2010-14

WHEREAS, most off-highway vehicle (OHV) drivers are responsible operators; however, there is a growing minority of reckless riders who are damaging private property, wildlife habitat and cultural resources. Moreover, the range and ability of OHV's to access remote public lands have resulted in serious physical injuries, helped to spread noxious and invasive weeds, and some OHV use has resulted in conflicts with other recreational users, ranchers, hunters, wildlife and have caused damage to public and private land; and

WHEREAS, promoting better management of OHV use, reducing conflicts with other users and minimizing the soil, watershed, wildlife and habitat impacts from OHV's will protect the health of our lands while continuing to protect access and provide for recreational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the continued access to public lands in New Mexico using OHV's for the purposes of mineral exploration and development, recreational activities and other legitimate uses contributes to the economic well-being of Torrance County; and

WHEREAS, quiet recreation in New Mexico, including bicycling, camping, fishing, hunting, paddling, snow sports trail and wildlife viewing contributes \$3.8 billion dollars annually to New Mexico's economy; supports 47,000 jobs across New Mexico, generates \$184 million in annual state tax revenue and produces \$2.75 billion annually in retail sales and services across New Mexico accounting for 4.6% of gross state product.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Torrance County Commission encourages federal land management agencies to advance collaborative OHV management with local government, law enforcement and community groups through a federal grants program to fund OHV-related habitat restoration, trail, signage, map publication and enforcement. By providing sufficient resources to local communities for cooperative management and enforcement, we can protect access for responsible OHV riders, while ensuring our natural heritage is available for future generations to enjoy.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 14th day of April, 2010.


TORRANCE COUNTY COMMISSION

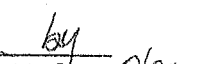

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