



Resolution 2013-39

RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE BLANKET REMOVAL OF LIVESTOCK FROM THE MOUNTAINAIR DISTRICT OF THE CIBOLA NATIONAL FOREST

WHEREAS, the Mountainair District of the U.S. Forest Service has forced the removal of all livestock from Forest Service administered lands as of July 30 of this year, and

WHEREAS, this removal order affects 19 active grazing allotments in the Mountainair District, and

WHEREAS, this was an arbitrary, non-scientific, blanket removal order which did not take into consideration differences in resource conditions on the various allotments, and

WHEREAS, the ability and timing of the allotment owners to resume livestock grazing is left vague and non-specific in the removal order, and

WHEREAS, we are unaware of any other Forest Service District in New Mexico issuing such an arbitrary removal order, and

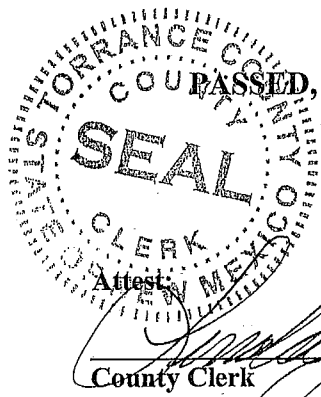
WHEREAS, the blanket removal order will wreak financial and emotional havoc on the ranchers and their families, and

WHEREAS, the economic consequences of the blanket removal order will have a negative impact on local businesses, school districts and revenues to local governments, and

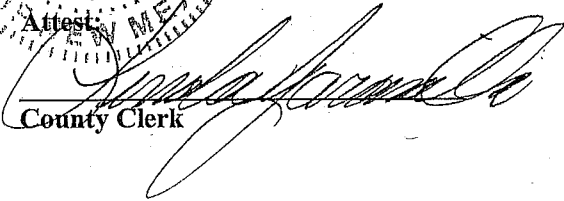
WHEREAS, the Mountainair District of the U.S. Forest Service failed to communicate or consult with local governments prior to issuing such removal order,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of County Commissioners strongly requests the Mountainair District of the U.S. Forest Service reconsider and withdraw their removal order, and instead work with the allotment owners, the New Mexico Dept. of Agriculture and the Range Improvement Task Force at New Mexico State University to develop drought management plans specific to each allotment, and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the NM Congressional Delegation, the NM Secretary of Agriculture and the Regional Forester.

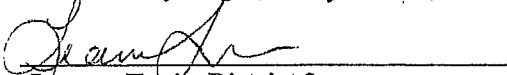


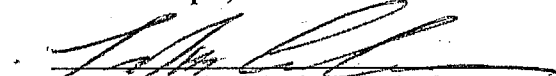
PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 11th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2013.

Attest:

County Clerk

TORRANCE COUNTY COMMISSION


Lonnie Freyburger, District 1


Leanne Tapia, District 2


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