A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO ADDRESS THE INCREASING
THREAT TO LIVELIHOODS IN NEW MEXICO AND NEIGHBORING STATES FROM
WILDLANDS REGULATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE FEDERAL ENDANGERED

WHEREAS, many new regulations are increasingly restricting
how property owners may use their land; and

WHEREAS, many laws and regulations have placed a heavy
burden on ranching, farming, timber production and other uses
that property owners should have a right to conduct on their
own land; and

WHEREAS, federal regulations are too often developed
without adequate participation and input from rural families;
and

WHEREAS, the severe adverse economic impacts of federal
laws and regulations, notably the Endangered Species Act of 1973 and wildlands regulations, are affecting not only ranchers and farmers, but small businesses in rural communities that support ranching and farming and tax collections for local governments and the state;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the federal government be requested to take steps to ensure that property owners in New Mexico and neighboring states are protected from ill-considered laws and regulations that restrict land use and hamper people's ability to make a living and unnecessarily and adversely affect the economies of rural communities and local and state governments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the federal government develop a plan to compensate the full amount of loss to any property owner, business, local government and state that has a historical record of loss due to land use restrictions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the New Mexico, Colorado, Arizona, Texas and Oklahoma congressional delegations and the federal secretaries of the interior and commerce.