


1 CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

2 RESOLUTION NO. 2010 - 75

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10 A RESOLUTION

11 SUPPORTING WILDERNESS DESIGNATION FOR THE INVENTORIED ROADLESS
12 AREAS ADJACENT TO THE PECOS WILDERNESS.

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14 WHEREAS, the U.S. Forest Service has inventoried Forest Service roadless areas
15 adjacent to the Pecos Wilderness, some of which are in Santa Fe County and benefit our city; and

16 WHEREAS, the 2001 Roadless Rule generated hundreds of thousands of public
17 comments, and 600 public hearings across the country with the majority of Americans in support
18 of the Rule; and

19 WHEREAS, these public lands are national treasures, prized by New Mexicans and the
20 people of Santa Fe for the quality of life they bestow; and

21 WHEREAS, these public lands provide significant economic benefit to our community
22 in the form of tourism, real estate value, influx of new residents and businesses and activities
23 directly related to their use and enjoyment; and

24 WHEREAS, all of the above-mentioned economic benefits directly result in a significant
25 tax base for the city of Santa Fe; and

1 **WHEREAS**, these public lands provide exceptional recreation and scenery, key to the
2 culture and custom enjoyed by residents of Santa Fe and critically important to current and future
3 generations; and

4 **WHEREAS**, these public lands in their natural condition provide many benefits
5 including clean and abundant water supplies, clean air, and superior wildlife habitat; and

6 **WHEREAS**, New Mexico was the home of the first wilderness in the United States, the
7 Gila; and

8 **WHEREAS**, New Mexico has fallen behind other western states, and currently only 2%
9 of New Mexico's acreage is designated as wilderness, compared to 6% in Arizona, 15% in
10 California, 6% in Colorado, 9% in Idaho, 4% in Montana and 5% in Wyoming; and

11 **WHEREAS**, wilderness designation allows grazing, hunting and fishing, hiking and
12 horseback riding; and

13 **WHEREAS**, these unique roadless areas, with their special landscapes, can only be
14 permanently protected by federal designation as wilderness areas.

15 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
16 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that the Governing Body strongly supports wilderness designation for the
17 inventoried roadless areas which are adjacent to the Pecos Wilderness.

18 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the city clerk is directed to send a copy of
19 this resolution to the Governor of New Mexico and the New Mexico Congressional Delegation.

20 **PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED** this 29th day of September, 2010.

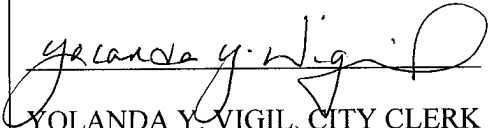
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25 DAVID COSS, MAYOR

1 ATTEST:

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YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

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6 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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GENO ZAMORA, CITY ATTORNEY

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