

SANTA FE COUNTY

Resolution No. 2010-185

SUPPORTING THE PROPOSAL BY NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT TO PURCHASE THE ORTIZ MOUNTAIN RANCH TO CREATE A 12,142-ACRE STATE PARK

WHEREAS, the purposed purchase of the Ortiz Mountain Ranch includes two parcels, a 640-acre parcel owned by the Ball family heirs, and approximately 11,502 acres owned by The Nature Conservancy; and

WHEREAS, the 12,142-acre Ortiz Mountain Ranch includes five miles of the Turquoise Trail, the most popular and scenic byway in northern New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the 12,142-acre Ortiz Mountain Ranch is adjacent to an existing 1,100-acre Santa Fe County Open Space, also in the Ortiz Mountains; and

WHEREAS, the Ortiz Mountain Ranch consists of rolling piñon juniper foothills and open grasslands, and provides an important wildlife corridor habitat between the Sandia Mountains and the Galisteo Basin; and

WHEREAS, the Ortiz Mountain Ranch includes important historic mining features; and

WHEREAS, the Ortiz Mountain Ranch is located between Albuquerque and Santa Fe and will offer outstanding recreational and environmental educational opportunities to 1/3 of the State's population in less than an hour's drive; and

WHEREAS, this represents a unique opportunity for the State of New Mexico to acquire an important piece of conservation land and preserve a historical ranch property for the education and enjoyment of future generations of New Mexicans; and,

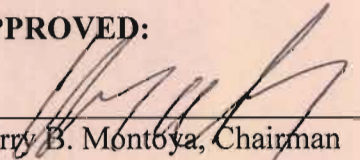
WHEREAS, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds being allocated for this project would be for land acquisition only, with no funds to be used for construction or building renovation, and the remaining \$3 million of allocated funds will be reverted.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Santa Fe believes this is a unique opportunity to build on New Mexico's conservation legacy and generate additional assets for a growing ecotourism industry, and strongly supports the purchase of the Ortiz Mountain Ranch as proposed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Santa Fe adopts this resolution;

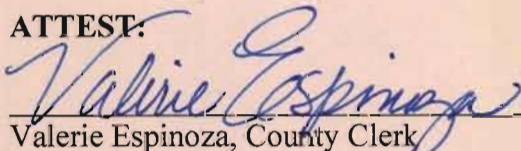
APPROVED, ADOPTED AND PASSED, ON THIS DATE OCTOBER 12, 2010.

APPROVED:



Harry B. Montoya, Chairman
Commissioner, District 1

ATTEST:



Valerie Espinoza, County Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Stephen Ross, County Attorney




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I hereby Certify That This Instrument Was Filed for
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Witness My Hand And Seal Of Office
Deputy  Valerie Espinoza
County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM