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Resume

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After a career in Farmington, NM providing risk management services for the oil and gas industry, my wife and I retired to a former ranching community in NW NM in 1999 to start a small cattle ranch based on the holistic principles of Allan Savory and others of influence in non-traditional, sustainable agriculture practices.

However, living daily with oil and gas development and production in the San Juan Basin (there were 99 gas wells on our split estate/federal grazing permit) convinced us after several years that we could make a bigger contribution to the environment and the future of the ranch by trying to hold the industry and federal and state regulators and lawmakers accountable for environmental, and economic, destruction than we could by re-establishing a commercial beef operation and we began actively trying to do that.

In 2008, we established the Open Space Pilot Project (OSPP) with Holistic Management Institute, the Bureau of Land Management and ConocoPhillips. The OSPP resulted in the Farmington Field Office of the BLM, one of the largest in the country, changing their Basin-wide policy of permitting single well drilling to evaluating every well permit to determine if the well could be drilled from an existing well site. After 10

years, this policy has changed the single well ratio in the Basin from 90% to 50% for the 20,000+ active wells.

My activism/advocacy has continued to expand in the succeeding years to work extensively in Washington, DC and Santa Fe, NM and to be engaged both professionally and on a volunteer basis with the Environmental Defense Fund, the Sierra Club, the Western Environmental Law Center, San Juan Citizens Alliance and I am a founding board member of the Western Leaders Network.

I was part of the Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham's Energy Transition Team in 2018 and the Governor's Methane Advisory Panel in 2019. My involvement continues with the New Mexico Energy Minerals and Natural Resources Department, the New Mexico Environment Department and both the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission and Division. I was also a member of New Mexico State Land Commissioner Stephanie Garcia Richards' Oil Advisory Council.

I have presented testimony to the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Energy and Minerals, the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division and presented remarks for the Environmental Protection Agency, the Office of Management and Budget and the Bureau of Land Management on a variety of issues regarding oil and gas impacts on rangelands and communities.

We still work on the ranch every day and lease our acreage to neighboring ranches so that we may continue to work on improving rangeland and wildlife habitat here in this area so heavily impacted by the oil and gas industry.