A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PROTECTING WILDLIFE CORRIDORS IN THE UPPER Rio Grande

WHEREAS, in San Miguel County, New Mexico, our wildlife resources are fundamental to our history, culture and identity; and

WHEREAS, for centuries wildlife have been intertwined with the cultural fabric of the Upper Rio Grande and have been integral in supporting thriving civilizations and our interaction with wildlife have fostered the creation of important cultural traditions which continue to be passed down today; and

WHEREAS, wildlife species can move considerable distances to meet their daily, seasonal and ecological needs and their movement often crosses multiple jurisdictional boundaries, including federal, state, tribal and private lands; and

WHEREAS, public lands and waters provide vital habitat for hundreds of wildlife species and also include important corridors for wildlife to safely move and migrate across larger landscapes; and

WHEREAS, fragmentation such as, roads, fences, development and other human-created and natural barriers are increasingly making it more difficult for wildlife species to migrate safely across landscapes; and

WHEREAS, there exists a need and opportunity to foster increased collaboration among state, federal and tribal natural resource managers to promote and protect landscape connectivity; and

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WHEREAS, land managers from the Santa Fe National Forest have a role in identifying and addressing the importance of the National Forest in establishing connectivity for wildlife to safely move and migrate across forest lands; and

WHEREAS, Special Management Areas such as the proposed Caja del Río Wildlife and Cultural Interpretive Management Area is an area of profound cultural and historical significance and is critical to wildlife habitat and connectivity; and

WHEREAS, there exists a need and opportunity to foster increased collaboration among state, federal and tribal natural resource managers to promote and protect landscape connectivity; and

WHEREAS, recent polling in New Mexico shows widespread support for the protection of wildlife corridors in the state; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that San Miguel County expresses support for and urges Congress to act swiftly to enact the Wildlife Corridors Conservation Act in order to mitigate connectivity issues by establishing a grants program to support habitat connectivity for migrating wildlife species; and:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that San Miguel County expresses support for the Santa Fe National Forest to adopt and establish special management areas in that would provide protection for wildlife corridors; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the entire New Mexico Congressional Delegation to show support for the protection of wildlife corridors in the Upper Rio Grande Basin.

Passed and Approved on this 9th day of July, 2019, by the Board of Commissioners of San Miguel County, New Mexico.

Maria L. Martinez
Chair
District 4
Harold M. Garcia  
Vice-Chair  
District 1

Max O. Trujillo  
Commissioner  
District 3

Janice Varela  
Commissioner  
District 2

Chris Najjar  
Commissioner  
District 5

Geraldine E. Gutierrez  
San Miguel County Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

Dave Romero Jr.  
San Miguel County Attorney
THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
SANTA FE COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. 2019-92

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PROTECTING WILDLIFE CORRIDORS IN THE
UPPER RIO GRANDE BASIN

WHEREAS, in Santa Fe County our wildlife resources are fundamental to our history,
culture and identity; and

WHEREAS, for centuries wildlife have been intertwined with the cultural fabric of the
Upper Rio Grande Basin and have been integral in supporting thriving civilizations and our
interaction with wildlife has fostered the creation of important cultural traditions which continue
to be passed down today; and

WHEREAS, wildlife species can move considerable distances to meet their daily,
seasonal and ecological needs, and their movement often crosses multiple jurisdictional
boundaries, including federal, state, tribal and private lands; and

WHEREAS, public lands and waters provide vital habitat for hundreds of wildlife
species and also include important corridors for wildlife to safely move and migrate across larger
landscapes; and

WHEREAS, fragmentation such as roads, fences, development, and other human-
created and natural barriers, are increasingly making it more difficult for wildlife species to
migrate safely across landscapes; and

WHEREAS, there exists a need and opportunity to foster increased collaboration among
state, federal and tribal natural resources managers to promote and protect landscape
connectivity; and

WHEREAS, land managers from the Santa Fe National Forest have a role in identifying
and addressing the importance of the National Forest in establishing connectivity for wildlife to
safely move and migrate across forest lands: and

WHEREAS, the proposed Special Management Area referred to as the Caja del Rio
Wildlife and Cultural Interpretive Management Area is an area of profound cultural and
historical significance and is critical to wildlife habitat and connectivity; and

WHEREAS, there exists a need and opportunity to foster increased collaboration among
state, federal and tribal natural resource managers to promote and protection of wildlife corridors
in the state.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of
Santa Fe County that Santa Fe County expresses support for, and urges Congress to act swiftly to
enact, the Wild Life Corridors Conservation Act in order to mitigate connectivity issues by
establishing a grants program to support habitat connectivity for migrating species; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Santa Fe County expresses support for the Santa Fe National Forest to adopt and establish special management areas that would provide protection for wildlife corridors; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the entire New Mexico Congressional Delegation to express support for the protection of wildlife corridors in the Upper Rio Grande Basin.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED on this 9th DAY OF July, 2019.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF SANTA FE COUNTY

Anna Hamilton, Chair

ATTESTATION:

Geraldine Salazar
Santa Fe County Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

R. Bruce Frederick
County Attorney

COUNTY OF SANTA FE )
STATE OF NEW MEXICO ) ss

I, hereby certify that this instrument was filed for record on the 10th day of July, 2019 at 11:42:02 AM and was duly recorded as instrument # 1890849 of the records of Santa Fe County.

Witness my hand and seal of office

Geraldine Salazar
Deputy County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM

07/10/2019
Resolution No. 2020-06

IN SUPPORT OF PROTECTING WILDLIFE CORRIDORS IN THE UPPER RIO GRANDE BASIN

WHEREAS, in Rio Arriba County, New Mexico our wildlife resources are both abundant and fundamental to our history, culture and identity; and

WHEREAS, for centuries wildlife have been intertwined with the cultural fabric of the Upper Rio Grande and have been integral in supporting thriving civilizations and our interaction with wildlife has fostered the creation of important cultural traditions which continue to be passed down today; and

WHEREAS, wildlife species can move considerable distances to meet their daily, seasonal and ecological needs and their movement often crosses multiple jurisdictional boundaries, including federal, state, tribal and private lands; and

WHEREAS, public lands and waters provide vital habitat for hundreds of wildlife species and also include important corridors for wildlife to safely move and migrate across larger landscapes; and

WHEREAS, fragmentation such as, roads, fences, development and other human-created and natural barriers are making it increasingly more difficult for wildlife species to migrate safely across landscapes; and

WHEREAS, land managers from the Carson, Santa Fe and Rio Grande National Forests have a role in identifying and addressing the importance of the National Forest in establishing connectivity for wildlife to safely move and migrate across forest lands; and

WHEREAS, Special Management Areas, such as the proposed San Antonio and Valle Vidal Management Areas in the Carson National Forest promote, protect and prioritize habitat connectivity
and are an important migration corridor for mule deer, pronghorn antelope, native Rio Grande
cutthroat trout and wintering/calving elk herds; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Caja del Rio Wildlife and Cultural Interpretive Management Area in the
Santa Fe National Forest has profound cultural and historical significance and are critical to wildlife habitat
and connectivity; and

WHEREAS, Special Interest Areas, such as the proposed Spruce Hole/Osier/Toltec and
Chama Basin Watershed Protection Special Interest Areas in the Rio Grande National Forest provide
critical habitat for wildlife, including big game, watershed health and are important to the economic
livelihood of local communities both in northern New Mexico and southern Colorado;

WHEREAS, there exists a need and opportunity to foster increased collaboration among
state, federal and tribal natural resource managers to promote and protect landscape connectivity; and

WHEREAS, recent polling in New Mexico shows widespread support for the protection of
wildlife corridors in the state; and

WHEREAS, as a county with a long history of farming and ranching, Rio Arriba County
recognizes that a conflict may ensue between farmers and ranchers and the placement of wildlife
corridors, depending on the specific geographical locations of working ranches and wildlife
 corridors; and

WHEREAS, the Rio Arriba County Commission is and always has been an adamant
supporter of its farmers and ranchers; and

WHEREAS, the Commission therefore strongly encourages the state and federal agencies
tasked with determining the ideal locations for wildlife corridors take into account any potentially
negative impacts on farmers and ranchers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rio Arriba County Commission
expresses support for and urges Congress to act swiftly to enact the Wildlife Corridors Conservation
Act in order to mitigate connectivity issues by establishing a grants program to support habitat
connectivity for migrating wildlife species; and:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Rio Arriba County Commission expresses support
for the National Forest Service to adopt and establish special management areas that provide wildlife
with habitat connectivity, and that balances traditional land use values, especially farming and
ranching, with wildlife and habitat connectivity needs; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the
entire New Mexico Congressional Delegation to show support for the protection of wildlife corridors
in the Upper Rio Grande Basin.

SIGNED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 30th DAY OF JULY 2019.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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RIO ARRIBA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

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Commissioner, District II

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Commissioner, District I

ATTEST:  
Linda J. Padilla, Rio Arriba County Clerk

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Linda J. Padilla County Clerk & Recorder Rio Arriba, New Mexico
CITY OF ESPAÑOLA
RESOLUTION NO. 2019-29

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PROTECTING WILDLIFE CORRIDORS IN THE
UPPER RIO GRANDE BASIN

WHEREAS, in the City of Española, New Mexico our wildlife resources are
fundamental to our history, culture and identity; and

WHEREAS, for centuries wildlife have been intertwined with the cultural fabric
of the Upper Rio Grande and have been integral in supporting thriving civilizations and
our interaction with wildlife have fostered the creation of important cultural traditions
which continue to be passed down today; and

WHEREAS, wildlife species can move considerable distances to meet their daily,
seasonal and ecological needs and their movement often crosses multiple jurisdictional
boundaries, including federal, state, tribal and private lands; and

WHEREAS, public lands and waters provide vital habitat for hundreds of
wildlife species and also include important corridors for wildlife to safely move and
migrate across larger landscapes; and

WHEREAS, fragmentation such as, roads, fences, development and other
human-created and natural barriers are increasingly making it more difficult for wildlife
species to migrate safely across landscapes; and

WHEREAS, there exists a need and opportunity to foster increased
collaboration among state, federal and tribal natural resource managers to promote
and protect landscape connectivity; and

WHEREAS, land managers from the Carson and Santa Fe National Forests
have a role in identifying and addressing the importance of the National Forest in
establishing connectivity for wildlife to safely move and migrate across forest lands;
and

WHEREAS, Special Management Areas such as the proposed San Antonio
and Valle Vidal Management Areas in the Carson National Forest, promote, protect,
and prioritize habitat connectivity and is an important migration corridor for mule deer,
pronghorn antelope, native Rio Grande cutthroat trout, and wintering/calving elk herds;
and

WHEREAS, the proposed Caja del Rio Wildlife and Cultural Interpretive
Management Area in the Santa Fe National Forest has profound cultural and historical
significance and are critical to wildlife habitat and connectivity; and

WHEREAS, recent polling in New Mexico shows widespread support for the
protection of wildlife corridors in the state; and
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Española expresses support for and urges Congress to act swiftly to enact the Wildlife Corridors Conservation Act in order to mitigate connectivity issues by establishing a grants program to support habitat connectivity for migrating wildlife species; and:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Española expresses support for the National Forest Service to adopt and establish special management areas that provide wildlife with habitat connectivity, and that balances traditional land use values with wildlife and habitat connectivity needs; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the entire New Mexico Congressional Delegation to show support for the protection of wildlife corridors in the Upper Rio Grande Basin.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 13th DAY OF August 2019.

CITY OF ESPAÑOLA

BY:

JAVIERE. SÁNCHEZ, MAYOR

ATTEST:

MELISSA VELASQUEZ
CITY CLERK
TAOS COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. 2019-39

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PROTECTING WILDLIFE CORRIDORS IN
THE UPPER RIO GRANDE BASIN

WHEREAS, in Taos County, New Mexico our wildlife resources are fundamental to our
history, culture and identity; and

WHEREAS for centuries wildlife have been intertwined with the cultural fabric of the
Upper Rio Grande and have been integral in supporting thriving civilizations and our interaction
with wildlife have fostered the creation of important cultural traditions which continue to be passed
down today; and

WHEREAS, wildlife species can move considerable distances to meet their daily, seasonal
and ecological needs and their movement often crosses multiple jurisdictional boundaries, including
federal, state, tribal and private lands; and

WHEREAS, public lands and waters provide vital habitat for hundreds of wildlife
species and also include important corridors for wildlife to safely move and migrate across larger
landscapes; and

WHEREAS, fragmentation such as, roads, fences, development and other human-created
and natural barriers are increasingly making it more difficult for wildlife species to migrate safely
across landscapes; and

WHEREAS, land managers from the Carson National Forest have a role in identifying
and addressing the importance of the National Forest in establishing connectivity for wildlife to
safely move and migrate across forest lands; and

WHEREAS, Special Management Areas, such as the proposed Valle Vidal Management
Area promotes, protect and prioritizes habitat connectivity and is an important migration corridor
for mule deer, pronghorn antelope, and wintering/calving elk herds; and

WHEREAS, there exists a need and opportunity to foster increased collaboration among
state, federal and tribal natural resource managers to promote and protect landscape connectivity;
and

WHEREAS, recent polling in New Mexico shows widespread support for the protection
of wildlife corridors in the state; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Taos County expresses support for and
urges Congress to act swiftly to enact the Wildlife Corridors Conservation Act in order to mitigate
connectivity issues by establishing a grants program to support habitat connectivity for migrating
wildlife species; and:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Taos County expresses support for the National
Forest Service to adopt and establish special management areas that provide wildlife with habitat
connectivity and that balances traditional land use values with wildlife and habitat connectivity
needs; and
BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the entire New Mexico Congressional Delegation to show support for the protection of wildlife corridors in the Upper Rio Grande Basin.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED, this 20 day of August 2019.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF TAOS COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

Mark Gallegos, Chairman

Candyce O'Donnell, Commissioner

Jim K. Fambro, Commissioner

Tom Blankenhorn, Commissioner

Gabriel J. Romero, Commissioner

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Attest:

Anna Martinez, Taos County Clerk

Approved as to legal form:

Randy Ault, Contract County Attorney
RESOLUTION 19-39

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PROTECTING WILDLIFE CORRIDORS IN THE UPPER RIO GRANDE BASIN

WHEREAS, in the Town of Taos, New Mexico our wildlife resources are fundamental to our history, culture and identity; and

WHEREAS, for centuries wildlife have been intertwined with the cultural fabric of the Upper Rio Grande and have been integral in supporting thriving civilizations and our interaction with wildlife have fostered the creation of important cultural traditions which continue to be passed down today; and

WHEREAS, wildlife species can move considerable distances to meet their daily, seasonal and ecological needs and their movement often crosses multiple jurisdictional boundaries, including federal, state, tribal and private lands; and

WHEREAS, public lands and waters provide vital habitat for hundreds of wildlife species and also include important corridors for wildlife to safely move and migrate across larger landscapes; and

WHEREAS, fragmentation such as, roads, fences, development and other human-created and natural barriers are increasingly making it more difficult for wildlife species to migrate safely across landscapes; and

WHEREAS, land managers from the Carson National Forest have a role in identifying and addressing the importance of the National Forest in establishing connectivity for wildlife to safely move and migrate across forest lands; and

WHEREAS, Special Management Areas, such as the proposed Valle Vidal Management Area promotes, protects, and prioritizes habitat connectivity and is an important migration corridor for mule deer, pronghorn antelope, and wintering/calving elk herds; and

WHEREAS, there exists a need and opportunity to foster increased collaboration among state, federal and tribal natural resource managers to promote and protect landscape connectivity; and
WHEREAS, recent polling in New Mexico shows widespread support for the protection of wildlife corridors in the state; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Taos expresses support for and urges Congress to act swiftly to enact the Wildlife Corridors Conservation Act in order to mitigate connectivity issues by establishing a grants program to support habitat connectivity for migrating wildlife species; and:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Taos expresses support for the National Forest Service to adopt and establish special management areas that provide wildlife with habitat connectivity, and that balances traditional land use values with wildlife and habitat connectivity needs; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the entire New Mexico Congressional Delegation to show support for the protection of wildlife corridors in the Upper Rio Grande Basin.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 13th day of August 2019, at the Regular Meeting of the Town of Taos Council by the following vote:

Mayor Pro Tem Nathaniel Evans  Yes
Councilmember Darien Fernandez  Yes
Councilmember George “Fritz” Hahn  Yes
Councilmember Pascualito Maestas  Yes

TOWN OF TAOS

Daniel R. Barrone, Mayor

ATTEST:

Francelia Garcia, Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Stephen C. Ross, Town Attorney

Resolution 19-39
VILLAGE OF PECOS

RESOLUTION 2019-119

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PROTECTING WILDLIFE CORRIDORS IN THE UPPER RIO GRANDE BASIN

WHEREAS, in the Village of Pecos, New Mexico our wildlife resources are fundamental to our history, culture and identity; and

WHEREAS, for centuries wildlife have been intertwined with the cultural fabric of the Upper Rio Grande and have been integral in supporting thriving civilizations and our interaction with wildlife have fostered the creation of important cultural traditions which continue to be passed down today; and

WHEREAS, wildlife species can move considerable distances to meet their daily, seasonal and ecological needs and their movement often crosses multiple jurisdictional boundaries, including federal, state, tribal and private lands; and

WHEREAS, public lands and waters provide vital habitat for hundreds of wildlife species and also include important corridors for wildlife to safely move and migrate across larger landscapes; and

WHEREAS, fragmentation such as, roads, fences, development and other human-created and natural barriers are increasingly making it more difficult for wildlife species to migrate safely across landscapes; and

WHEREAS, there exists a need and opportunity to foster increased collaboration among state, federal and tribal natural resource managers to promote and protect landscape connectivity; promote accessibility to public lands for the utilization and harvesting of natural resources such as timber, mining, wood products, and encourage recreational activities to include hunting, fishing, horseback riding, backpacking, bird watching, hiking; and

WHEREAS, land managers from the Santa Fe National Forest have a role in identifying and addressing the importance of the National Forest in establishing connectivity for wildlife to safely move and migrate across forest lands; and

WHEREAS, Special Management Areas such as the proposed Caja del Rio Wildlife and Cultural Interpretive Management Area is an area of profound cultural and historical significance and is critical to wildlife habitat and connectivity; and

WHEREAS, recent polling in New Mexico shows widespread support for the protection of wildlife corridors in the state; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Pecos expresses
support for and urges Congress to act swiftly to enact the Wildlife Corridors Conservation Act in order to mitigate connectivity issues by establishing a grants program to support habitat connectivity for migrating wildlife species; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of Pecos expresses support for the National Forest Service to adopt and establish special management areas that provide wildlife with habitat connectivity, and that balances traditional land use values with wildlife and habitat connectivity needs; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the entire New Mexico Congressional Delegation to show support for the protection of wildlife corridors in the Upper Rio Grande Basin.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 12th day of August, 2019.

Attest:

Ramona Quintana, Village Clerk

Telesfor A. Benavidez, Mayor

Herman Gallegos, Trustee

Ralph Lopez, Trustee

Brian Sandoval, Trustee

Armando Gabaldon, Trustee
RESOLUTION #2019-28

SUPPORT OF PROTECTING WILDLIFE CORRIDORS

WHEREAS, in Colfax County, New Mexico our wildlife resources are fundamental to our history, culture and identity; and

WHEREAS, for centuries wildlife have been intertwined with the cultural fabric and has been integral in supporting thriving civilizations and our interaction with wildlife have fostered the creation of important cultural traditions which continue to be passed down today; and

WHEREAS, wildlife species can move considerable distances to meet their daily, seasonal and ecological needs and their movement often crosses multiple jurisdictional boundaries, including federal, state, tribal and private lands; and

WHEREAS, private lands and waters provide vital habitat for hundreds of wildlife species and also include important corridors for wildlife to safely move and migrate across larger landscapes; and

WHEREAS, fragmentation such as, roads, fences, development and other human-created and natural barriers are increasingly making it more difficult for wildlife species to migrate safely across landscapes; and

WHEREAS, land managers from the Carson National Forest have a role in identifying and addressing the importance of the National Forest in establishing connectivity for wildlife to safely move and migrate across forest lands; and

WHEREAS, Special Management Areas, such as the proposed Valle Vidal Management Area promotes, protect and prioritizes habitat connectivity and is an important migration corridor for mule deer, pronghorn antelope, and wintering/calving elk herds; and

WHEREAS, there exists a need and opportunity to foster increased collaboration among state, federal, private and tribal natural
WHEREAS, recent polling in New Mexico shows widespread support for the protection of wildlife corridors in the state; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Colfax County expresses support for and urges Congress to act swiftly to enact the Wildlife Corridors Conservation Act in order to mitigate connectivity issues by establishing a grants program to support habitat connectivity for migrating wildlife species; and:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Colfax County expresses support for the National Forest Service to adopt and establish special management areas that provide wildlife with habitat connectivity, and that balances traditional land use values with wildlife and habitat connectivity needs; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the entire New Mexico Congressional Delegation to show support for the protection of wildlife corridors.

APPROVED IN OPEN MEETING THIS 9th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2019.

COLFAX COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Bobby LeDoux, Chairman

James L. Newton, Vice-Chairman

Roy Fernandez, Member