

Dona Ana Soil and Water Conservation District

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Rep. Rob Bishop, Chairman Rep. Raul M. Grijalva, Ranking Member of the Committee United States House of Representatives Natural Resources Committee 1324 Longworth House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Re: Support for H.R. 4334

Sirs:

The Dona Ana Soil and Water Conservation District, sub-division of New Mexico State Government with a locally-elected board of supervisors, has mandated responsibilities to work with federal, state and local government entities to coordinate projects that promote the conservation and development of natural resources in Dona Ana County, provide for flood control, preserve wildlife, protect the tax base and promote the health, safety and general welfare of its citizens.

Motorized access into the upper reaches of the Lower Rio Grande Watershed is imperative, for that is where the least cost yet most effective flood control measures are started and shaped. These measures will serve to minimize and control stormwater runoff before it becomes an unmanageable flood that can wreak havoc on our communities along the Rio Grande Valley.

The bill recognizes the majestic Organ Mountains yet specifically provides for motorized access to the watershed to allow the development of responsible upslope management of stormwater in the watershed.

We ask your support for H.R. 4334.

Sincerely,

/s/Joe Delk, Chairman Dona Ana Soil and Water Conservation District (575) 644-3082