

***South Central-New Mexico  
Stormwater Management Coalition***

**Office of Record: Elephant Butte Irrigation District, 530 S. Melendres, Las Cruces, NM**

**A Resolution**

**Opposing Organ Mountain-Desert Peaks National Monument**

**Abstract:** The Organ Mountain-Desert Peaks National Monument proposal is the newest iteration of a continued and orchestrated attempt to expand access restrictions on Dona Ana County lands. The impact of the plan restricts vital access to current flood control structures and precludes future expansion. The trend in modern watershed management techniques is to develop land treatment conversion management measures rather than construct dams on the valley floor. Land treatment measures are more cost effective for the use of public funds and provide multiple benefits of ground water recharge, reduced erosion and flood prevention. The Organ Mountain-Desert Peaks National Monument jeopardizes the freedom to minimize costs and maximize a variety of tools and measures.

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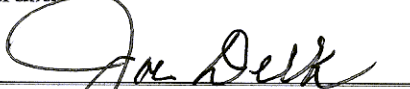
**Whereas,** these structures were intended for agricultural protections but downstream development has impacted such historical planning, and

**Whereas,** the requirement to certify, manage, enhance, modify, expand, conceptualize, capitalize and plan for future growth demands full and unencumbered access to the entire watershed, and

**Whereas,** the danger to the community cannot be managed safely without such access,

**Now Therefore Be it Resolved,** on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2012 the Board of Directors of the Stormwater Coalition adamantly opposes the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument (Citizen's Proposal) and S.1024, and

**Let it be Further Resolved,** the Stormwater Coalition must request that all such watershed and land planning must include them in all phases of discussions, conceptualization, and implementation of such land plans for the safety, health, and well being of the public, and their trust.

  
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Joe Delk, Chairman  
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This resolution passed upon motion by Gary Esslinger and seconded by Jerry Mayeux

Roll Call Vote: Joe Delk, Dona Ana SWCD Y, Jerry Mayeux, Caballo SWCD Y, Gary Esslinger, Elephant Butte Irrigation District Y; John Allen, DAC Flood Commissioner Y; Crystal Runyan, Sierra SWCD N/A; Barry Ragsdale, Sierra County Flood Commission N/A; Jan Porter-Carejo, Sierra County, N/A; Judd Nordyke, Village of Hatch Y, Betty Gonzalez, City of Anthony Y.

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