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Commission Meeting

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Comments:

I oppose resolutions 2-23-22.10A and 2-23-22.10B for the following reasons:

Scientists, conservation advocates, and elected leaders have identified the protection of 30 percent of lands and waters by 2030 as a necessary step to stem the loss of New Mexico's natural areas and wildlife, while ensuring everybody has access to nature's benefits.

Conserving and restoring more lands and waters will help protect our communities from floods, fires, storms, and other impacts of climate change, safeguarding the natural resources we rely on for food, jobs, and recreation.

Protected public lands and fuel our state's outdoor recreation economy, and restoration efforts will bring jobs and income to our local economy.

The goals of the executive order and "America the Beautiful" effort are also widely supported by New Mexicans regardless of their background or ideology. According to a recently completed bipartisan poll, 79% of New Mexicans support a national goal of protecting 30 percent of America's lands and waters by 2030.