

Committee on Resources

Witness Testimony

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Thank you Chairman Chenoweth, for calling this hearing on H.R. 434.

This bill was introduced on January 9, 1997, by my predecessor in the Third District of New Mexico, the Honorable Bill Richardson, current Ambassador to the United Nations.

When I was elected to Congress, I promised my constituents that I would do my best to move this legislation, as well as other bills that Mr. Richardson introduced on their behalf I appreciate you working with me to accomplish this goal.

If passed, this bill would provide two simple land conveyances from the Santa Fe National Forest and the Carson National Forest to the cities of Jemez Springs and El Rito, respectively. These conveyances will amount to a total of six (6) acres of land.

Jemez Springs will use their one (1) acre land conveyance to build a fire substation to accommodate the rapidly growing tourist population that is the result of a National Recreation Area created near their community.

The city of El Rito will use its five (5) acre conveyance to expand a cemetery.

These two communities, along with the Forest Service and Mr. Richardson worked extensively to craft a piece of legislation that would provide El Rito and Jemez Springs with the land that they need to continue to provide adequate, efficient community service.

Sitting next to me today to testify on behalf of the city of Jemez Springs, is Mayor David Sanchez. I want to thank him for taking the time and effort to appear before this committee today and I hope that he and I and the Subcommittee can continue to work together to see that these land conveyances become a reality. Thank you, Chairman Chenoweth.

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