



# VILLAGE OF HATCH

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## RESOLUTION NO. 732 OPEN SPACE AND RANGELAND PRESERVATION

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Hatch, New Mexico, did adopt Resolution No. 669 supporting the New Mexico Wilderness Alliance's proposal for wilderness in Dona Ana County on February 14, 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, after considerable deliberation of the consequences of their action, the Board of Trustees voted unanimously at their regular meeting held August 14, 2007, to rescind Village of Hatch Resolution No. 669; and

**WHEREAS**, a more comprehensive assessment of the public's true demands for the preservation of said areas was undertaken; and

**WHEREAS**, such demands were identified as **Standards of Expectation** and arrayed as follows:

1. Retention of open space;
2. Provision for planned economic and population growth;
3. Unrestricted application of Homeland Security and law enforcement activities;
4. Prevention of unlawful use of off-road vehicles;
5. Continued access for all segments of the public;
6. Perpetuation of historical ranching operations;
7. Access for flood control and water capture projects;
8. Enhancement of wildlife and rangeland health, and,
9. True fidelity to historical Wilderness concepts and law; and

**WHEREAS**, all such Standards of Expectation are critical concerns of the citizens of Hatch, New Mexico; and

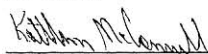
**WHEREAS**, the formation and implementation of Wilderness designation would not serve the greater population or the lands of the County of Dona Ana as previously represented.

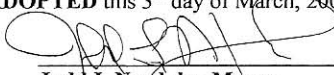
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE VILLAGE OF HATCH, NEW MEXICO**, that the Village of Hatch supports and joins in the effort to seek Congressional action for the adoption and implementation of the draft legislation, **Dona Ana County Planned Growth, Open Space, and Rangeland Preservation Act of 2008**, put forth by the People for Preserving Our Western Heritage for the purposes of preserving various lands within Dona Ana County; and

**FURTHERMORE**, the Board of Trustees endorses the concept of **Rangeland Preservation Areas** for the expressed purpose of preservation of such lands with and through a process that involves local citizenry in the procedure that identifies, arrays, and determines measures that fit local conditions that collectively perpetuate not only natural features, but features of historical, economic, and intrinsic value that have been imbued on said lands united in respectful stewardship with mankind for over 400 years.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2008.

ATTEST:

  
Kathleen McConnell

  
Judd L. Nordyke, Mayor

VOTE: Trustee Nunez Aye  
Trustee Burns Aye  
Trustee Sment Absent  
Trustee Torres Aye

Moved by: Trustee Burns  
Seconded by: Trustee Torres