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Clearly, water is one of the fundamental natural resources anywhere.

Due to the negative effects of climate change, New Mexico (and other western states) have to get deadly serious about water conservation, restoration of watersheds, and other water quality protection measures.

One particular way these important goals can be accomplished is by designating the following areas as Outstanding National Resource Waters (ONRWs):

The upper Pecos watershed

The upper Rio Grande

The Rio Hondo

The upper Jemez/San Antonio and Redondo (the latter being

In the Valle Caldera National Preserve)

All residents and visitors to New Mexico must have clean water available for a myriad of purposes too obvious and numerous to mention here.

As an extremely concerned member of the public, I ask you to do the right and necessary thing to protect the State's precious clean water resources. Time is rapidly slipping away.

Sincerely,

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