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When we Take Care of our Land, Our Land Takes Care of us!

A Message from Commissioner Ray Powell

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As the 2011 Great Outdoors Week begins tomorrow, it is my pleasure to formally recognize the beauty of our state public lands and what they provide for all New Mexicans. New Mexico is known around the world for its natural beauty, air quality which includes the vast terrain we have of unsurpassed quality of mesas, valleys, highest peaks and bountiful lakes allowing folks to hunt, hike, ski, boat and enjoy recreational activities under the New Mexico sun.

These outdoor activities have provided New Mexicans much enjoyment for generations. Each of us can share a story or two of memories we have with our families on camping trips or outdoor excursions. I encourage everyone to celebrate the Great Outdoors this week and continue making memories with friends and those we love in a state that we all cherish for its natural beauty. Please continue protecting and persevering our valuable natural resources by being careful, diligent and respectful of the public lands and help do your part in keeping New Mexico beautiful for generations to come.

To learn more about the New Mexico State Land Office, log on to www.nmstatelands.org for further information.

Sincerely,

Ray Powell

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Commissioner of Public Lands

Note: The Commissioner of Public Lands is an elected state official responsible for administering the state's land grant trust. Thirteen million acres of land were granted to New Mexico in 1898 and 1910. Each tract is held in trust for the public schools, universities, as well as special schools and hospitals that serve children with physical, visual, and auditory disabilities. In fiscal year 2010, the trust lands and permanent funds produced more than \$420 million in income for the beneficiaries.