

When Steve Pearce introduced HR6300, an attack on public lands, a press conference was called. What a turnout! Thanks to you, over 200 people turned out on two days notice to oppose the bill's brazen attempt at reducing protections for places like the Organ Mountains, and mandating the sell off of over 60,000 acres of OUR public lands. Instead, we demonstrated our community's support for giving special public lands the protection they deserve, Wilderness. Please see below for follow up steps to fight HR 6300, and to support the Citizen's Wilderness and NCA Proposal. Thank you for enjoying and protecting wilderness.

Happy Trails,

Nathan
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The people have spoken



(photo by Rebecca Powell)



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Monday's press conference was the first strong step to ensuring Pearce's anti wilderness and public land sell off bill HR 6300 **won't pass**, and instead was another building block for enactment of the Citizen's Wilderness and National Conservation Area (NCA) proposal.

It's Time to Take the Next Step to Defeat HR 6300 and Support Wilderness!

Here's What You Can Do:

Do 1 **or more** of the following:

1. Contact our federal candidates for the US Senate seat, as well as Senator Jeff Bingaman, and ask them to Oppose HR 6300 and support the Citizens Wilderness and NCA proposal.

2. Contact our federal candidates for the 2nd Congressional District US House seat, Dem. Harry Teague and Rep. Ed Tinsley, and tell them to Oppose HR 6300 and support the Citizens Wilderness and NCA proposal.
3. Write a Letter to The Editor or “Sound-Off” to express your feelings about Pearce’s HR 6300 and Wilderness.

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Contact Elected Officials and those Running for Federal Office:

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** Please pass along this alert to family, friends, and others & encourage them to participate and make their voices heard as well.**

Visit: www.DonaAnaWild.org for more information.

Summary of Congressman Pearce’s HR 6300: Bad For Doña Ana County’s Public Lands

SEC. 204. RELEASE OF WILDERNESS STUDY AREAS. Page 16

Eliminates ALL Current Wilderness Protections in the 8 Temporary Wilderness Areas (WSA’s) in Doña Ana County, including in the Organ Mountains.

TITLE IV—DISPOSAL OF FEDERAL LAND FOR COMMUNITY GROWTH.

SEC. 401. DISPOSAL. Page 20

Directs the Secretary of Interior to SELL ALL of the “Disposal” Land in Doña Ana County, an Area TWICE the Size of Las Cruces. This Would Have a Significant Negative Impact Creating a Rapid Loss of Open Space and Increase of Infrastructure Costs to Local and County Governments.

SEC. 403. LAND DISPOSAL ADVISORY BOARD PAGE 27

Creates a New Process for Selling Off Public Lands in Doña Ana County and A Hand Picked Special Interest Group Committee to Decide How Doña Ana County Grows.

SEC. 402. DISPOSITION OF FUNDS PAGE 23

This Legislation Would Establish New Federal Land Management Precedent, Taking Away Federal Funding From the Government’s Ability to Maintain and Expand Americas Most Important Natural Lands.

The Citizens’ Proposal

A Balanced Community Approach to Permanently Protect Special Wild Places, like the Organ Mountains and Broad Canyon, for Future Generations. More info: www.DonaAnaWild.org

Key Reasons for Wilderness

1. Protect Special Places like the Organ Mountains and Broad Canyon with a Proven Designation – Wilderness
 - Wilderness exists in 44 states. There are 24 Wilderness Areas in New Mexico. Only Wilderness and an NCA will place these lands in the BLM National Landscape Conservation System, bringing them more money, recognition, and prestige.
2. Wilderness will increase Tourism, and be good for local Economic Development
 - Communities with protected public lands have higher income levels, as documented by the Sonoran Institute. Simple “withdrawal” would remove the national prestige and tourism benefit resulting from a Wilderness designation.
3. Wilderness will Protect Open Space
 - Our community is growing at an historic rate. Protection of our important places NOW, ensures we protect our quality of life forever.
4. Wilderness Is Multiple Use
 - You can do it all in Wilderness – ranching, camping, horseback riding, hunting, hiking, bird watching, and more!
5. Wilderness Includes Ranching
 - The 1964 Wilderness Act clearly allows ranching. The 1990 Congressional Grazing Guidelines specifically protect grazing operations, especially in arid environments. Ranching exists in Wilderness all over the West. The law, and the Doña Ana County Wilderness Coalition, support rancher’s continued abilities to graze livestock in wilderness.