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# WILDERNESS IS OUR COMMON GROUND

Since I was a boy, I have always enjoyed the wilderness and all the treasures that it holds. Some of my fondest memories of childhood are hunting with my father. Today, I enjoy teaching my grandson to hunt and to simply enjoy the solitude that comes along with being far from roads and traffic. The spectacular mountains and wide-open public lands that surround us provide a unique identity that has been a signature of New Mexico for generations. Whether it's a family picnic at Dripping Springs, a day hike in Broad Canyon or hunting in the East Potrillo Mountains, New Mexico's wild places hold something amazing for everyone. By stepping up and working to protect these lands, we can ensure that these wilderness areas are saved and can be enjoyed not only by my grandchildren, but by generations to come. Wilderness is about more than just protecting New Mexico's special places, it's about creating possibilities for everyone.

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