

SIERRA COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
RESOLUTION No 110-159

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO STATE  
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE USE OF OFF-  
HIGHWAY MOTOR VEHICLES ON PAVED SECTIONS OF NEW MEXICO  
HIGHWAYS 51, 179, 181, AND 195 WITHIN THE JURISDICTIONAL  
BOUNDARIES OF THE COUNTY OF SIERRA**

**WHEREAS**, the Sierra County Board of Commissioners met upon notice of a regular meeting, duly published, at the Sierra County Administrative Offices, 1712 N. Date Street, Truth or Consequences, New Mexico 87901, on March 21, 2023; and,

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to NMSA 1978 Section 4-38-1 (1884) the powers of a county as a body politic and corporate shall be exercised by a board of county commissioners; and,

**WHEREAS**, the New Mexico Legislature amended Section 66-3-1011 NMSA 1978 to allow the operation of recreational off-highway and all-terrain vehicles on a paved street owned and controlled by the authorizing entity, subject to certain conditions;

**WHEREAS**, the County of Sierra has created Ordinance No. 18-015 allowing for the operation of recreational off highway motor vehicles on streets owned and controlled by the County of Sierra, subject to certain conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Sierra jurisdiction includes portions of NM 51, NM 179, NM 181, and NM 195 and, it would be advantageous for the County, as well as recreational off-highway motor vehicle operators, to be authorized by the New Mexico State Transportation Commission to operate their vehicles on portions of NM 51, NM 179, NM 181, and NM 195 within the jurisdictional boundaries of the County of Sierra; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Sierra desires to request approval by the New Mexico State Transportation Commission for the use of recreational off-highway motor vehicles on paved sections of NM 51, NM 179, NM 181, and NM 195.

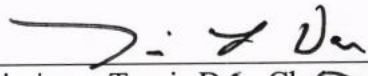
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Sierra County Board of Commissioners hereby requests that the New Mexico State Transportation Commission designate the following paved portions of NM 51, NM 179, NM 181, and NM 195 as an approved route for the use of recreational off-highway vehicles:

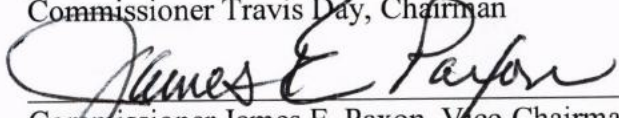
From a point at the east of City of Truth or Consequences city limits on NM 51 to Divide Well Rd, NM 181 from the intersection of N. Date Street to the junction of Warm Springs Blvd, NM 179 from NM 195 to NM 51, NM 195 Butte Blvd. south to junction of NM 179 and north from Butte Blvd. to NM 181.

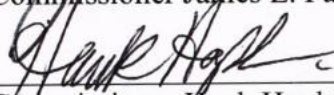
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this approval is requested pursuant to NMSA 1978, Sections 67-3-2(D), 66-3-1001.1, 66-3-1011 and New Mexico State Transportation Commission Policy 71, that the portions of NM 51, NM 179, NM 181, and NM 195 described above meet the state guidelines, and that the portions NM 51, NM 179, NM 181, and NM 195 for which this request is made are needed for recreational access and will greatly benefit or enhance the recreational economy of the County of Sierra. The Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Act use is for the public benefit and not for the benefit of any individual private interest.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 18th day of April, 2023

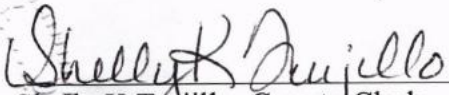
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