



## **RESOLUTION No. 2025-35**

### **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO PURSUE DESIGNATION OF A SEGMENT OF COUNTY ROAD A05 AS PART OF THE RIO GRANDE TRAIL AND TURTLEBACK TRAILS NETWORK**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of Sierra County met in a duly noticed, regular meeting on April 22, 2025, at the Sierra County Administration Building, 1712 North Date Street, Truth or Consequences, New Mexico; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 4-38-1, the powers of a county as a body politic and corporate shall be exercised by a Board of County Commissioners; and

**WHEREAS**, NMSA 1978, Section 4-37-1 authorizes counties to exercise all powers necessary and proper to provide for the safety, preserve the health, promote the prosperity, and improve the comfort and convenience of their inhabitants; and

**WHEREAS**, Sierra County is home to numerous outdoor recreation assets, including the Turtleback Trails Network and the Turtleback Mountain Trail, which enhance the County's scenic and recreational opportunities and support local eco-tourism and quality of life; and

**WHEREAS**, the Rio Grande Trail Commission, the Turtleback Trails Network, and the State of New Mexico's Outdoor Recreation Division have expressed support for designating a segment of County Road A05, located on the east side of the Rio Grande, as an official segment of the Rio Grande Trail, to be integrated into the Turtleback Trails Network; and

**WHEREAS**, this designation will not alter the physical condition, alignment, or public access of County Road A05, but will formally recognize its recreational value and may involve the future installation of interpretive or wayfinding signage; and

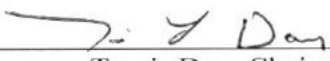
**WHEREAS**, the designation aligns with Sierra County's goals to promote outdoor recreation, public health, sustainable tourism, and environmental stewardship; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Sierra County that the County supports the designation of a segment of County Road A05 as a part of the Rio Grande Trail and the Turtleback Trails Network;


**NOW, THEREFOR, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Manager, Amber Vaughn, is hereby authorized to coordinate with the Rio Grande Trail Commission, the Planning Collaborative, and other relevant stakeholders, and to take all necessary administrative steps, including providing documentation or support for any application materials, to effectuate this designation.

**APPROVED, ADOPTED, AND PASSED on this 22nd day of April, 2025.**


**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SIERRA COUNTY**

  
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Travis Day, Chairman

  
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James Paxon, Vice-Chairman

  
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Hank Hopkins, Commissioner

Attest:

  
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Amy Whitehead, County Clerk