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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 16 (legislative day, JANUARY 5), 1993

Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, and Mr. DOMENICI) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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Reported by Mr. JOHNSTON, without amendment

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Rio Grande Designa-  
3 tion Act of 1993”.

4 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF SCENIC RIVER.**

5 Section 3(a) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16  
6 U.S.C. 1274(a)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
7 lowing new paragraph:

8 “( ) RIO GRANDE, NEW MEXICO.—The main stem  
9 from the southern boundary of the segment of the Rio  
10 Grande designated pursuant to paragraph (4), down-  
11 stream approximately 12 miles to the west section line of  
12 Section 15, Township 23 North, Range 10 East, to be ad-  
13 ministered by the Secretary of the Interior as a scenic  
14 river.”.

15 **SEC. 3. DESIGNATION OF STUDY RIVER.**

16 (A) STUDY.—Section 5(a) of the Wild and Scenic  
17 Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1276(a)) is amended by adding at  
18 the end the following new paragraph:

19 “( ) RIO GRANDE, NEW MEXICO.—The segment  
20 from the west section line of Section 15, Township 23  
21 North, Range 10 East, downstream approximately 8 miles  
22 to the southern line of the northwest quarter of Section  
23 34, Township 23 North, Range 9 East.”.

24 (b) STUDY REQUIREMENTS.—Section 5(b) of such  
25 Act (16 U.S.C. 1276(b)) is amended by adding at the end  
26 the following new paragraph:

1 “( ) The study of the Rio Grande in New Mexico  
2 shall be completed and the report submitted not later than  
3 3 years after the date of enactment of this paragraph.”.

4 **SEC. 4. RIO GRANDE CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD.**

5 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 90 days after  
6 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the  
7 Interior (referred to in this Act as the “Secretary”) shall  
8 establish the Rio Grande Citizens Oversight Review Board  
9 (referred to in this Act as the “Board”) to advise the Sec-  
10 retary on matters pertaining to—

11 (1) the development and implementation of a  
12 management plan for the segment of the Rio Grande  
13 designated as a component of the National Wild and  
14 Scenic Rivers System pursuant to the amendment  
15 made by section 2; and

16 (2) the preparation of the study pursuant to the  
17 amendments made by section 3.

18 (b) COMPOSITION.—The Board shall consist of 11  
19 members, appointed by the Secretary, of whom—

20 (1) 10 members shall be property owners along  
21 the segments of the Rio Grande designated and  
22 studied pursuant to the amendments made by this  
23 Act; and

24 (2) 1 member shall be a representative of the  
25 village of Pilar.

1 **SEC. 5. WITHDRAWAL OF ORILLA VERDE RECREATION**  
2 **AREA.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to valid existing rights,  
4 the lands described in subsection (b) are withdrawn  
5 from—

6 (1) all forms of entry, appropriation, or disposal  
7 under the public land laws;

8 (2) location, entry, and patent under the mining  
9 laws; and

10 (3) disposition under all laws pertaining to min-  
11 eral and geothermal leasing.

12 (b) LANDS.—

13 (1) DESCRIPTION.—The lands referred to in  
14 subsection (a) comprise an area known as the  
15 “Orilla Verde Recreation Area”, totaling approxi-  
16 mately 1,349 acres, which were conveyed by the  
17 State of New Mexico to the United States on July  
18 23, 1980, April 20, 1990, and July 17, 1990, as  
19 generally depicted on the map entitled “Proposed  
20 Recreation Addition to Rio Grande Wild and Scenic  
21 River” and dated September 1992.

22 (2) PUBLIC ACCESS.—The map referred to in  
23 paragraph (1) shall be on file and available for pub-  
24 lic inspection in the appropriate offices of the Bu-  
25 reau of Land Management.

1 **SEC. 6. COMPLETION OF PREHISTORIC TRACKWAYS STUDY.**

2       The Secretary is authorized to contract with the  
3 Smithsonian Institution for the completion of the pre-  
4 historic trackways study required under section 303 of the  
5 Act entitled “An Act to conduct certain studies in the  
6 State of New Mexico”, approved November 15, 1990  
7 (Public Law 101-578).