



Mesilla Valley Sportsmen's Alliance

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Rob Bishop, Chairman
Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation
1324 Longworth House Office Building
Washington D.C. 20515

Re: H.R. 995 Organ Mountains National Monument Establishment Act

Mr. Chairman,

The Mesilla Valley Sportsmen's Alliance comes to you today in support of H.R. 995.

We are an association of hard-working men, women and children of Dona Ana County who value our access to public lands for recreation and hunting.

We also appreciate the majesty of the Organ Mountains and believe that they deserve national monument recognition.

Congressman Pearce's H.R. 995 provides for that recognition but at the same time provides for responsible use and the all-important hand of human manipulation to care for them.

Our alliance is very supportive of Section 8(4) **Wildlife** and Section 9 **Hunting & Trapping**, especially the language requiring the concurrence of the state.

Thank you for considering our comments.

/s/Byron Delk, Chairman