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Cabinet Secretary Trujillo Commends Governor's Signing of the Outdoor Recreation Division Bill

SANTA FE - New Mexico Indian Affairs Department Secretary Lynn Trujillo commends Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham for signing into law Senate Bill 462, which creates the new Outdoor Recreation Division within the state's Economic Development Department.

The legislature has appropriated an initial \$200,000 to launch the Outdoor Recreation Division as well as Outdoor Recreation Advisory Committee. The Division will help bolster the state's economy and lure more young adults to move to New Mexico.

The bill also provides funding opportunities for communities to further develop outdoor recreation infrastructure. Tribes can apply for funding for youth programs that encourage outdoor recreation and includes educational components on the environment and climate issues.

"It's paramount that we leave behind a Land of Enchantment to be proud of for our youngest. How and what we leave behind for our children will be a reflection of us and what we think of them," says Representative D. Wonda Johnson. "This is a great opportunity to create outdoor recreation, activities and tourism, while caring and protecting special and sacred sites and providing an educational backdrop."

The Indian Affairs Department will serve on the Outdoor Recreation Advisory Committee and will work with the Division to highlight the natural beauty of tribal lands in partnership with New Mexico's nations, tribes and pueblos.

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