

**SANTA FE COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - 0916

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO PURSUE
DESIGNATION OF A SEGMENT OF SANTA FE COUNTY'S EL CAMINO REAL
TRAIL AS PART OF THE RIO GRANDE TRAIL**

WHEREAS, the Rio Grande Trail is an initiative led by the State of New Mexico's Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Department and Outdoor Recreation Division to build a long-distance trail across New Mexico from Mexico to Colorado for hiking, biking and horseback riding; and

WHEREAS, in 2015 the trail received authorization through state legislation (HB 563), leading to the establishment of the Rio Grande Trail Commission which oversees trail development, including trail alignment and the development of the Rio Grande Trail Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, there are several sections where the trail will need to stray from the river, including the area around Santa Fe County, because the appropriate authorizations from sovereign Indian nations, tribes and pueblos are not anticipated; and

WHEREAS, although the alignment of the trail through Santa Fe County has not been fully determined, it will potentially go through the Caja del Rio plateau and then follow the Santa Fe River; and

WHEREAS, a 3.36-mile portion of the El Camino Real Trail that is maintained by Santa Fe County has been identified as an important connector between Caja del Rio and the Santa Fe River and Santa Fe urban area; and

WHEREAS, a key planning principle of the Rio Grande Trail is voluntary participation, thus the Rio Grande Trail Commission is seeking authorization from landowners prior to officially designating trail segments; and

WHEREAS, the Rio Grande Trail Commission, the State of New Mexico's Outdoor Recreation Division, and the County Open Lands, Trails and Parks Advisory Committee have expressed support for designating this segment of El Camino Real as an official segment of the Rio Grande Trail; and

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

WHEREAS, the designation aligns with Santa Fe County's goals of a healthy community and promoting outdoor recreation.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners that:

1. The County supports the designation of a segment of the El Camino Real Trail as part of the Rio Grande Trail;
2. The County Manager is hereby authorized to coordinate with the Rio Grande Trail Commission and other relevant stakeholders to take all necessary administrative steps, including providing documentation or support for any application materials, to formalize this designation.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED ON THIS 9th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2025

**SANTA FE COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

By: _____

Camilla Bustamante, Chair

ATTEST:

Katharine E. Clark
Santa Fe County Clerk

Date: 09/10/2025

Approved as to form:

Walker Boyd
Santa Fe County Attorney



COUNTY OF SANTA FE)
STATE OF NEW MEXICO) ss

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Katharine E. Clark

Deputy Chris Rasmussen County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM

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