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## **Senate Republicans Respond to Governor's 30x30 Executive Order** *Republican Leader Greg Baca and Senator Crystal Diamond speak out*

SANTA FE — Today, Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham issued an executive order directing state agencies to pursue government control of 30 percent of New Mexico's land and water for "preservation and climate stabilization." The order is in line with the Biden Administration's federal push to preserve 30 percent of all land in the United States by 2030.

"I am beginning to think that the Governor has never met a rancher or farmer in her decades as a bureaucrat, candidate, and elected official," said **Senator Crystal Diamond** (District 35-Dona Ana, Hidalgo, Luna, and Sierra). "Almost half of all land in New Mexico is already owned and controlled by the state or the federal government, and we all know that our family-owned, private land is better managed, utilized, and preserved. This 30x30 initiative set forth by the Governor is a thinly veiled land grab and the people of New Mexico will not stand for it."

"Our families have been here for generations," added Republican Leader, **Senator Greg Baca** (District 29-Bernalillo and Valencia). "We have pride in our heritage, respect for one another, and a love for our beautiful state. Yet, this Governor treats us as though we loathe our past, wish harm upon our fellow New Mexicans, and wish to see our land wasted. If she is not happy with the upkeep or management of our land, she should send her complaints to her cabinet secretaries and her friends in Washington D.C. Rest assured that we are done giving up our rights for the sake of her political agenda and we will not offer up our lands to be mismanaged by the government, in the name of 'conservation.'"

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