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Departments of Game & Fish, Environment, and Energy, Minerals & Natural Resources to Hold Town Hall Meeting on Protecting the Valle Vidal

(Santa Fe, NM) — Senior officials of the New Mexico Departments of Game & Fish, Environment and Energy, Minerals & Natural Resources will hold a public meeting on **Wednesday September 14 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at the Philmont Scout Ranch, near Cimarron.**

This meeting is designed to give local citizens a chance to learn about the action recently announced by Governor Bill Richardson to declare the lakes and streams within the Valle Vidal as Outstanding National Resource Waters. This designation, which requires approval by the state Water Quality Control Commission, will help protect these pristine waters from proposed development in the area that could impact water quality.

A draft copy of the state's proposal can be found here: <http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/>. This draft petition is open for public comment until September 30. Comments may be submitted to the Department of Game & Fish, Attn: Tanya Dofflemyer, P.O. Box 25112, Santa Fe, NM 87504 or to tanya.dofflemyer@state.nm.us

Anyone with questions about this proposal to protect water quality and wildlife in the Valle Vidal is encouraged to attend.

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