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**63J-8-105.2 San Juan County Energy Zone established -- Finding -- Management and land use priorities.**

- (1) There is established the San Juan County Energy Zone in San Juan County for the purpose of maximizing efficient and responsible development of energy and mineral resources.
- (2) The land area and boundaries of the San Juan County Energy Zone are described in Subsection 63J-8-102(18) and illustrated on the map described in Section 63J-8-105.
- (3) The state finds that:
  - (a) the lands comprising the San Juan County Energy Zone contain abundant world-class deposits of energy and mineral resources, including oil, natural gas, potash, uranium, vanadium, limestone, copper, sand, gravel, wind, and solar; and
  - (b) the highest management priority is the responsible management, development, and extraction of existing energy and mineral resources in order to provide long-term domestic energy and supplies for the state and the United States.
- (4) The state supports:
  - (a) efficient and responsible full development of all existing energy and mineral resources located within the San Juan County Energy Zone, including oil, natural gas, potash, uranium, vanadium, limestone, copper, sand, gravel, wind, and solar; and
  - (b) a cooperative management approach by federal agencies, the state, and local governments to achieve broadly supported management plans for the full development of all energy and mineral resources within the San Juan County Energy Zone.
- (5) The state requests that the federal agencies that administer lands within the San Juan County Energy Zone:
  - (a) fully cooperate and coordinate with the state and with San Juan County to develop, amend, and implement land and resource management plans and to implement management decisions that are consistent with the purposes, goals, and policies described in this section to the maximum extent allowed under federal law;
  - (b) expedite the processing, granting, and streamlining of mineral and energy leases and applications to drill, extract, and otherwise develop all existing energy and mineral resources located within the San Juan County Energy Zone, including oil, natural gas, potash, uranium, vanadium, copper, sand, gravel, wind, and solar resources;
  - (c) allow continued maintenance and increased development of roads, power lines, pipeline infrastructure, and other utilities necessary to achieve the goals, purposes, and policies described in this section;
  - (d) refrain from any planning decisions and management actions that will undermine, restrict, or diminish the goals, purposes, and policies for the San Juan County Energy Zone as stated in this section; and
  - (e) refrain from implementing a policy that is contrary to the goals and purposes within this section.
- (6) The state calls upon Congress to establish an intergovernmental standing commission, with membership consisting of representatives from the United States government, the state, and local governments, to guide and control planning and management actions in the San Juan County Energy Zone in order to achieve and maintain the goals, purposes, and policies described in this section.
- (7) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the state's grazing and livestock policies and plans on land within the San Juan County Energy Zone shall continue to be governed by Sections 63J-4-401 and 63J-8-104.

