



Sportsmen's Organization Emphatically Endorses Joe Campos for Lieutenant Governor

The Joe Campos campaign for Lieutenant Governor has received an emphatic endorsement from a sportsman's organization that has led the fight to preserve state trust lands and ensure public access to the state land. Max Trujillo, on behalf of the Sportsmen Concern of Northern New Mexico (SCNNM), Las Vegas Chapter, proudly announced the endorsement of Joe Campos for Lieutenant Governor.

The endorsement reads in part, "We proudly stand with Jose Campos and pledge our support while encouraging our fellow sportsmen of the great state of New Mexico to do the same." The endorsement says of Representative Campos, "When we as sportsmen and citizens have a chance to endorse and support a candidate with conviction and who is honest and reliable, we must seize the opportunity to take action and be counted." The endorsement concludes, "We wish you luck and we look forward to, and will be proud of saying, 'We the sportsmen of New Mexico stand behind and with our next Lieutenant Governor, Joe Campos.'"

Max Trujillo and the SCNNM, along with Representative Joe Campos, have led the fight to ensure public access and preservation of Whites Peak, a 40,000 acre state trust land tract in northeast New Mexico near Ocate. The tract is characterized as pristine mountain, alpine meadow, lake and riparian territory, and the location of some of the finest public hunting and sporting grounds in the state.

A part of the Whites Peak tract was proposed to be disposed of in a controversial land swap proposed by the NM State Land Commissioner. The swap was vigorously opposed by the SCNNM and the New Mexico Wildlife Federation.

State Representative Joe Campos, working with State Representative Thomas Garcia, introduced House Memorial 45 in the 2010 legislative session to oppose and suspend land swap negotiations involving Whites Peak.

On April 28, 2010, Representative Campos journeyed to the Whites Peak area with Max Trujillo and Ed Olona, President of the New Mexico Wildlife Federation, to view the Whites Peak wilderness and see first-hand the obstacles placed by certain ranch owners to block access to Whites Peak.

Representative Campos commented on the endorsement:

"I know Max and his organization are committed to promoting responsible stewardship of these state trust lands. These lands are a New Mexico treasure, a habitat for diverse wildlife including magnificent elk herds. Generations of New Mexicans have experienced the wilderness and serene beauty of Whites Peak and I am proud to stand with New Mexico's sportsmen in working to preserve this natural resource. Max is a man of outstanding character. The organization for which he serves as President deserves the support of all New Mexicans for their tireless work towards conserving our wildlife areas, and I am honored to have their endorsement."

Full text of the endorsement:

"It is with great pleasure and pride that our organization emphatically and enthusiastically endorses and supports JOE CAMPOS as our next Lieutenant Governor. Mr. Campos has worked side-by-side with the sportsmen of New Mexico in speaking out against corruption and greed. We proudly stand with Jose Campos and pledge our support while encouraging our fellow sportsmen of the great state of New Mexico to do the same. When we as sportsmen and citizens have a chance to endorse and support a candidate with conviction and who is honest and reliable, we must seize the opportunity to take action and be counted. Men of vision who have the means to achieve objectives on behalf of the masses and not the special interests are rare in this day and age; we need to embrace him and elevate him to a level where he can be most effective. We wish you luck and we look forward to and will be proud of saying, 'We the sportsmen of New Mexico stand behind and with our next Lieutenant Governor, Joe Campos.'"