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New Mexico:

A coalition sent a letter to President Obama urging protection of the Organ Mountains and Desert Peaks region. Ex Governor Jerry Apodaca, former Land Commissioner Jim Baca, State Auditor Hector Balderas and Las Cruces Mayor Ken Miyagishima signed it. The group cited the area's ecological values, its archaeological sites and connections to its Hispanic residents and historical figures such as Billy the Kid and Geronimo.