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**GOVERNOR BILL RICHARDSON ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENTS  
TO THE STATE GAME COMMISSION**

SANTA FE – Governor Bill Richardson today announced his appointments to the New Mexico State Game Commission. The governor said his appointments reflect a new direction for the Game Commission, which is responsible for setting policy for wildlife management, sport hunting and fishing, and wildlife conservation efforts in New Mexico.

“With my appointments today, I am restoring the State Game Commission to its original mission – a mission that represents and values sportsmen, as well as every other constituency that enjoys New Mexico’s bountiful natural resources,” Governor Bill Richardson said. “The commission has been dominated in the past by ranchers. And while ranchers deserve a voice on the commission, so do sportsmen and conservationists.

“If you take a close look at the seven members I appointed, they represent a broad and balanced approach to wildlife management in New Mexico. Now, everyone has a seat at the table. I expect them to represent the diversity of this state.

“I also appointed a Native American, Peter Pino of Zia Pueblo, to the commission. I think it’s important that Native Americans are finally represented on this important commission,” Governor Bill Richardson said.

The Game Commission sets policy and direction, and establishes rules and regulations governing sport hunting, angling and other uses of wildlife and department properties in the state. Wildlife-related activities attract thousands of tourists to New Mexico annually and are of significant interest to many New Mexicans. The economic contributions to the state are significant.

The seven new members of the Game Commission met for the first time today in Santa Fe. The Game Commission elected Tom Arvas, of Albuquerque, as its chairman.

The new members of the State Game Commission are:

- **Tom Arvas**, of Albuquerque, is a practicing optometrist. Arvas has a long history with the Game Commission. He served under three administrations – Governors Toney Anaya, Garey Carruthers and Bruce King. He is vice president of the Amateur Trapshooting Association for the southwestern zone. Arvas also serves on the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Ducks Unlimited and the New Mexico Wildlife Federation. He is the former president of the New Mexico Optometric Association.
- **Alfredo Montoya**, of Alcalde, is a rancher, farmer and sportsman. Montoya serves on the Rio Arriba County Commission, and has been chairman for the past eight years. Montoya earned his Master's degree in policy, planning and administration from New Mexico Highlands University. He is the Director of Financial Aid for Northern New Mexico Community College. Montoya previously worked for the Eight Northern Indian Pueblos Council, and has served on a numbers of boards, including the Espanola Public School Board, the New Mexico Association of Counties, Acequia de Alcalde and the Alcalde Mutual Domestic Association.
- **Guy Riordan**, of Albuquerque, is Managing Director of Wachovia Securities, a major New York brokerage firm. He has been a financial advisor for 20 years. Riordan owns Rancho de La Joya Game Preserve, a commercially operated hunting preserve and shotgun sporting facility. Riordan also serves on several boards representing, among others, the New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority, the Albuquerque Hispano Chamber of Commerce, the University of Albuquerque Foundation and the Museum of Albuquerque Foundation.
- **David Henderson**, of Santa Fe, is Executive Director of Audubon New Mexico, a conservation and environmental education organization. Henderson has been with Audubon since 1982. Before that, he worked for the National Park Service. Henderson earned his Bachelor's degree at Humboldt State University, in Arcata, CA, where he also did his post-graduate work in environmental education.
- **Leo Sims**, of Hobbs, is a partner in Sims and Kennann, a business that deals in oil and gas, ranching and environmental issues.
- **Peter Pino**, of Zia Pueblo, is an administrator and treasurer for the pueblo, a job he has held since 1978. Pino earned a Bachelor's degree from New Mexico Highlands University. He earned a Master's of Business Administration from the University of New Mexico.
- **Jennifer Montoya**, of Las Cruces, is Senior Program Officer for the World Wildlife Fund. Montoya directs the Chihuahuan Desert Conservation Project, a bi-national conservation program. Montoya earned a Bachelor's degree in biology from Lewis and Clark College in Portland, OR. She earned a Master's degree in range science from Montana State University in Bozeman, MT.