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Governor Bill Richardson Applauds BRAC decision On White Sands Missile Range

WASHINGTON, D.C. – New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson released the following statement today following the decision by BRAC to keep the Army Research Lab and its 187 jobs at White Sands Missile Range. The Governor said he remains hopeful that BRAC will decide Friday to keep Cannon Air Force Base open.

“The Army Research Lab that the Pentagon had tried to move to Aberdeen Proving Grounds will stay at White Sands – saving 178 New Mexico jobs and millions of dollars in economic activity for Southern New Mexico,” Governor Bill Richardson said. “This is a major win for Southern New Mexico, and hopefully we will win the big one tomorrow.

“I am pleased with the 8-0 vote of the BRAC Commission. It’s another sign that they’re fair, open-minded and independent. This win is a victory for the last two years of hard work we put in to save all of New Mexico’s bases.”

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