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2. Continued and new access to public lands.

3. Do you support full and dedicated funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund?

4. The LAND AND water CONSERVATION FUND AUTHORIZATION expires this year. Do you support permanent REAUTHORIZATION AND full AND dedicated FUNDING for the LAND AND water CONSERVATION FUND? Why or why Not?

5. Do you believe that wilderness DESIGNATIONS or other protective DESIGNATIONS for public LAND tend to IMPROVE or REDUCE Hunting and Fishing OPPORTUNITIES?

6. Energy companies typically have the obligation to Mitigate Negative IMPACTS to Natural resources, including Fish AND wildlife HABITAT, when oil, gas or RENEWABLE energy PROJECTS are DEVELOPED on federal public LANDS. Do you believe energy Companies have been meeting their mitigation obligations or should they be required to do MORE?

7. What, if anything, could CONGRESS do to improve HUNTING AND Fishing OPPORTUNITIES AND wildlife HABITAT on federal public LANDS?

8. There is a huge backlog of MAINTENANCE AND Infrastructure work on National public FACILITIES, SUCH AS National forests, Wildlife refuges AND National parks. How do you propose to allocate the funds to address this backlog?

9. Do you see a NEED to MODIFY grazing practices ON federal public LANDS in the West? If so, what would you propose?

10. What changes, if any, would you propose for the ENDANGERED SPECIES Act?

11. What are the MOST IMPORTANT issues to New Mexico SPORTSMEN AND women that you can affect in the U.S. HOUSE?
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I would imagine that access to hunting, fishing and recreational lands in of paramount importance and that the integrity and health of land and animals in what matters most. There is a balance to be struck between use of land for recreation purposes, agriculture and livestock, and energy. I also had a recent conversation about the need to protect wild horses. I think we do the best we can to respectfully balance all needs.

2. WHAT IS YOUR PHILOSOPHY TOWARDS THE SALE OR TRANSFER OF FEDERAL PUBLIC LANDS, INCLUDING THE TRANSFER OF MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY?

I am in favor of public lands being managed for the benefit of all and appropriate and transferred to other agencies/private parties that make sense.

3. DO YOU FEEL THE BUDGETS FOR FEDERAL PUBLIC LAND AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AGENCIES ARE too HIGH, too LOW OR ABOUT RIGHT?

I don’t have enough information to make an informed opinion at this point. One aspect that needs to be considered is use fees and if they are appropriate to the level of services required for an area.

4. THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND AUTHORIZATION EXPIRES THIS YEAR. DO YOU SUPPORT PERPETUAL AUTHORIZATION AND FULL AND DEDICATED FUNDING FOR THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND?

I do not believe anything should be in perpetuity, every bill should expire in a certain timeframe except those pertaining to human rights.

5. DO YOU BELIEVE THAT WILDERNESS DESIGNATIONS OR OTHER PROTECTIVE DESIGNATIONS FOR PUBLIC LAND TEND TO IMPROVE OR REDUCE HUNTING AND FISHING OPPORTUNITIES?

I do not have personal experience with these designations and would always investigate usage rights and efficacy in response to my constituents’ input. At face value, I assume that designations improve recreational opportunities.

6. ENERGY COMPANIES TYPICALLY HAVE THE OBLIGATION TO MITIGATE NEGATIVE IMPACTS TO NATURAL RESOURCES, INCLUDING FOR FISH AND WILDLIFE HABITAT, WHEN OIL, GAS OR RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS ARE DEVELOPED ON FEDERAL PUBLIC LANDS. DO YOU BELIEVE ENERGY COMPANIES HAVE BEEN MEETING THEIR MITIGATION OBLIGATIONS OR SHOULD THEY BE REQUIRED TO DO MORE?

In some cases, I am sure they are doing the right thing and imagine that they aren’t required to do more. The public/private partnership is nuanced and needs to be observed and adjusted, as needed.

7. WHAT, IF ANYTHING, COULD CONGRESS DO TO IMPROVE HUNTING AND FISHING OPPORTUNITIES AND WILDLIFE HABITAT ON FEDERAL PUBLIC LANDS IN NEW MEXICO?

Grant access whenever and wherever feasible. I think there could also be an argument for transfer of certain federal lands to the New Mexico State Land Office for administration.

8. THERE IS A HUGE BACKLOG OF MAINTENANCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE WORK ON NATIONAL PUBLIC LAND FACILITIES, SUCH AS NATIONAL FORESTS, PARKS AND WILDLIFE REFUGES. WOULD YOU PREFER TO TACKLE THAT BACKLOG THROUGH INCREASED USER FEES OR BY INCREASING THE AGENCY BUDGETS?

I think it might have to be a combination of both, but I will require due diligence before making an opinion. There can also be an argument for use of prison labor to maintain public lands.

9. I THINK THERE IS A NEED TO MODIFY GRAZING PRACTICES ON FEDERAL PUBLIC LANDS IN THE WEST. IF SO, WHAT WOULD YOU PROPOSE?

I do not have grazing practices on federal public lands in the west in my district.

10. WHAT CHANGES, IF ANY, WOULD YOU SUGGEST FOR THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT?

I am not aware of the species being threatened within my district.

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Bio provided by candidate

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LLOYD PRINCETON

Lloyd Princeton is an entrepreneur who runs a national recruiting practice that specializes in the Architecture & Design industry. His family has been in New Mexico for almost forty years and he joined them full-time about two years ago. During this time, he has become keenly aware of the scarcity mindset and reality facing New Mexicans and decided to run for Congress to do something about it. Lloyd believes that the people of New Mexico need to be part of the solutions they seek and that an overreliance on government is the reason that the state is last in most critical rankings. Lloyd has a Bachelor of Science in Business Management and has traveled and consulted internationally as well as having lived and worked in San Francisco, Los Angeles and New York. He can be seen campaigning with his dog Keiko and enjoys horse riding and shooting when he can get out of the city!