

March 3, 2017 – ACTION ALERT FROM NM WILDERNESS ALLIANCE

Congressman Steve Pearce is hosting a Town Hall for constituents of New Mexico's 2nd Congressional District.

**When:** Saturday March 18, 2017 at 12:00 pm MST

**Where:** New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum

<http://pearce.house.gov/press-release/pearce-announces-town-hall-las-cruces>

Please attend this town hall and ask Representative Pearce about his positions on public lands and wildlife.

Questions to ask Representative Pearce at his town hall:

- Representative Pearce, you have asked President Trump to decrease the size of the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument by 90%. How do you reconcile that with the overwhelming community support the National Monument has (over 80% in recent surveys) and the demonstrated benefit it has already had to the local economy?
- A 2013 poll showed that 69% of New Mexicans support Mexican gray wolf recovery, and 87% of New Mexicans and Arizonans consider the wolf to be "a vital part of America's natural heritage. Representative Pearce, you have repeatedly attempted to lessen protections. How do you square your position with the majority of your constituents?
- Congressman Pearce, you recently voted to overturn the Bureau of Land Management's Venting and Flaring Rule, supported by 74% of New Mexicans, and which would prevent some of the 100 million dollar per year loss New Mexico experiences through leaks, flaring, and venting. Can you explain that vote?
- Congressman Pearce, you were recently appointed to the committee on Natural Resources, chaired by Utah Representative Rob Bishop. Do you agree with him that there is no cost whatsoever to giving away our public lands for free?
- Congressman Pearce, why did you vote to kill the Stream Protection Rule, which was designed to protect streams from surface mining operations. Given the disaster a year and a half ago at the Gold King Mine, and with New Mexicans knowing first hand what can happen when mining pollutants reach rivers, why do you believe this is a good idea?
- Do you believe in climate change?
- Congressman Pearce, you recently praised President Trump's efforts to restart stalled pipeline infrastructure projects including the Dakota Access Pipeline in North Dakota. Native American tribal leaders in New Mexico wrote to President Trump in January to express their opposition to the pipeline and even visited the Standing Rock Tribe to show their solidarity. What would you say to New Mexico's tribes about your position and what it might mean for them?
- Representative Pearce, you have proposed to construct an oil refinery in New Mexico. Where are you proposing the refinery be built?

Thank you for speaking up for our wild public lands and wildlife.