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DOLE PROPOSAL FOR QUIVIRA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE WINS SENATE APPROVAL

WASHINGTON - The U.S. Senate today approved legislation including \$760,000 requested by Senator Bob Dole for an engineering study of watershed depletion at the Quivira National Wildlife Refuge.

"This study will provide vital information on how best to manage declining water resources in the Rattlesnake Creek Basin," Dole said. "With that information, we can move forward with plans which protect vital irrigation projects and also secure a steady water supply to the Wildlife Refuge."

"The Quivira project is a model of local, state, and federal cooperation," Dole added. "The groups have come together to discuss their options and to craft the most efficient and fair distribution of resources. In the process, they set a precedent for successfully resolving water disputes in the future."

The project was included in the 1996 Interior Department Appropriations Bill, which now goes to a joint House/Senate committee to work out differences with legislation passed by the House.

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