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Joanna is an experienced executive with a long career in energy and natural resource policy development and program management. From 2003 to 2009, Joanna served as Cabinet Secretary for Energy, Minerals and Natural Resource under New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson. She led the state's initiatives in environmental protection, land conservation, state park enhancements, restoring healthy forests, energy conservation programs and renewable energy development.

From 2010 to 2017, Joanna served on the Obama Administration's 18-member Wildlife and Hunting Heritage Conservation Council, chairing the Council's Wildlife Funding Subcommittee and Land & Water Conservation Fund Act Reauthorization Work Group. Joanna also serves on the Board of the National Conservation Leadership Institute, is Chair of the Santa Fe Conservation Trust Board, and is a member of The Wildlife Society, Wilderness Society, The Mule Deer Foundation, Boone & Crockett Club and International Women's Forum, among other groups.

Joanna has a Bachelor of Science degree in Wildlife Biology from Texas A&M University (summa cum laude) and a Master of Science degree in Wildlife Science from Colorado State University. For the first 26 years of her career she worked for the NM Department of Game and Fish. In 2019 Joanna was appointed to and elected Chair of the NM State Game & Fish Commission. She is also actively involved in managing her family's farm and ranch partnership in South Texas.