

Union Calendar No. 393

116TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 2640

[Report No. 116–491]

To withdraw certain Bureau of Land Management land from mineral
development.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 9, 2019

Ms. HAALAND (for herself and Mr. LUJÁN) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

SEPTEMBER 8, 2020

Additional sponsor: Mr. McNERNEY

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Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole
House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on May 9, 2019]

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 *This Act may be cited as the “Buffalo Tract Protection*
5 *Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. WITHDRAWAL.**

7 *(a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to valid existing rights, the*
8 *Federal land described in subsection (b) is withdrawn from*
9 *all forms of—*

10 *(1) location, entry, and patent under the mining*
11 *laws; and*

12 *(2) disposition under the mineral leasing, min-*
13 *eral materials, and geothermal leasing laws.*

14 *(b) DESCRIPTION.—The Federal land referred to in*
15 *subsections (a) and (c) is the approximately 4,288 acres of*
16 *land administered by the Director of the Bureau of Land*
17 *Management and generally depicted as “Tract A”, “Tract*
18 *B”, “Tract C”, and “Tract D” on the map entitled*
19 *“Placitas, New Mexico Area Map” and dated November 13,*
20 *2019.*

21 *(c) SURFACE ESTATE.—*

22 *(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the reservation of*
23 *the mineral estate under paragraph (2), nothing in*
24 *this Act prohibits the Secretary of the Interior from*

1 *conveying the surface estate of the Federal land de-*
2 *scribed in subsection (b) in accordance with—*

3 *(A) the Federal Land Policy and Manage-*
4 *ment Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.); or*

5 *(B) the Act of June 14, 1926 (commonly*
6 *known as the “Recreation and Public Purposes*
7 *Act”)* (43 U.S.C. 869 et seq.).

8 (2) *MINERAL ESTATE.*—*Any conveyance of the*
9 *surface estate of the Federal land described in sub-*
10 *section (b) shall require a reservation of the mineral*
11 *estate to the United States.*

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