

# Union Calendar No. 393

116TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 2640

**[Report No. 116–491]**

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

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## 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

SEPTEMBER 8, 2020

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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mineral development.

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8       *Federal land described in subsection (b) is withdrawn from*  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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