

115TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

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To provide for the withdrawal and protection of certain Federal land in
the State of New Mexico.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. UDALL (for himself and Mr. HEINRICH) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

A BILL

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Federal land in the State of New Mexico.

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 “Chaco Cultural Herit-
5 age Area Protection Act of 2018”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) FEDERAL LAND.—The term “Federal land”
9 means—

1 (A) any Federal land or interest in Federal
2 land that is within the boundaries of the Chaco
3 Cultural Heritage Withdrawal Area, as depicted
4 on the Map; and

5 (B) any land or interest in land located
6 within the boundaries of the Chaco Cultural
7 Heritage Withdrawal Area, as depicted on the
8 Map, that is acquired by the Federal Govern-
9 ment after the date of enactment of this Act.

10 (2) MAP.—The term “Map” means the map
11 prepared by the Bureau of Land Management enti-
12 tled “Chaco Cultural Heritage Withdrawal Area”
13 and dated May 14, 2018.

14 **SEC. 3. WITHDRAWAL OF CERTAIN FEDERAL LAND IN THE**
15 **STATE OF NEW MEXICO.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to any valid existing
17 rights, the Federal land is withdrawn from—

18 (1) all forms of entry, appropriation, and dis-
19 posal under the public land laws;

20 (2) location, entry, and patent under mining
21 laws; and

22 (3) operation of the mineral leasing, mineral
23 materials, and geothermal leasing laws.

1 (b) AVAILABILITY OF MAP.—The Map shall be made
2 available for inspection at each appropriate office of the
3 Bureau of Land Management.

4 (c) EFFECT OF ACT.—Nothing in this Act affects the
5 mineral rights of a Tribe or member of a Tribe to trust
6 land or allotment land.