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To provide for national security benefits for White Sands Missile Range
and Fort Bliss.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 17, 2013

Mr. HEINRICH (for himself, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, and Mr. CORNYN)
introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

To provide for national security benefits for White Sands
Missile Range and Fort Bliss.

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. WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE AND FORT**
4 **BLISS.**

5 (a) WITHDRAWAL.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to valid existing
7 rights and paragraph (3), the Federal land described
8 in paragraph (2) is withdrawn from—

9 (A) entry, appropriation, and disposal
10 under the public land laws;

1 (B) location, entry, and patent under the
2 mining laws; and

3 (C) operation of the mineral leasing, min-
4 eral materials, and geothermal leasing laws.

5 (2) DESCRIPTION OF FEDERAL LAND.—The
6 Federal land referred to in paragraph (1) consists
7 of—

8 (A) the approximately 5,100 acres of land
9 depicted as “Parcel 1” on the map entitled
10 “White Sands Missile Range/Fort Bliss/BLM
11 Land Transfer and Withdrawal” and dated
12 April 3, 2012 (referred to in this section as the
13 “map”);

14 (B) the approximately 37,600 acres of land
15 depicted as “Parcel 2”, “Parcel 3”, and “Par-
16 cel 4” on the map; and

17 (C) any land or interest in land that is ac-
18 quired by the United States within the bound-
19 aries of the parcels described in subparagraph
20 (B).

21 (3) LIMITATION.—Notwithstanding paragraph
22 (1), the land depicted as “Parcel 4” on the map is
23 not withdrawn for purposes of the issuance of oil
24 and gas pipeline rights-of-way.

1 (b) RESERVATION.—The Federal land described in
 2 subsection (a)(2)(A) is reserved for use by the Secretary
 3 of the Army for military purposes in accordance with Pub-
 4 lic Land Order 833, dated May 21, 1952 (17 Fed. Reg.
 5 4822).

6 (c) TRANSFER OF ADMINISTRATIVE JURISDIC-
 7 TION.—Effective on the date of enactment of this Act, ad-
 8 ministrative jurisdiction over the approximately 2,050
 9 acres of land generally depicted as “Parcel 2” on the
 10 map—

11 (1) is transferred from the Secretary of the
 12 Army to the Secretary of the Interior (acting
 13 through the Director of the Bureau of Land Man-
 14 agement); and

15 (2) shall be managed in accordance with—

16 (A) the Federal Land Policy and Manage-
 17 ment Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.); and

18 (B) any other applicable laws.

19 (d) LEGAL DESCRIPTION.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable after
 21 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
 22 the Interior shall publish in the Federal Register a
 23 legal description of the Federal land withdrawn by
 24 subsection (a).

1 (2) FORCE OF LAW.—The legal description pub-
2 lished under paragraph (1) shall have the same force
3 and effect as if included in this Act, except that the
4 Secretary of the Interior may correct errors in the
5 legal description.

6 (3) REIMBURSEMENT OF COSTS.—The Sec-
7 retary of the Army shall reimburse the Secretary of
8 the Interior for any costs incurred by the Secretary
9 of the Interior in implementing this subsection with
10 regard to the Federal land described in subsection
11 (a)(2)(A).

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