

115TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# S. 2907

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

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 22, 2018

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

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## 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17 rights, the Federal land is withdrawn from—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.

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