AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 2640
OFFERED BY MS. HAALAND OF NEW MEXICO

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
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3 This Act may be cited as the “Buffalo Tract Protection Act”.

4 SEC. 2. WITHDRAWAL.
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6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to valid existing rights, the Federal land described in subsection (b) is withdrawn from all forms of—
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8 (1) location, entry, and patent under the mining laws; and
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10 (2) disposition under the mineral leasing, mineral materials, and geothermal leasing laws.

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

12 (c) SURFACE ESTATE.—
(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the reservation of
the mineral estate under paragraph (2), nothing in
this Act prohibits the Secretary of the Interior from
conveying the surface estate of the Federal land de-
scribed in subsection (b) in accordance with—

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

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

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