

## Calendar No. 257

117<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION**S. 180****[Report No. 117–60]**

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

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 2, 2021

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

JANUARY 31, 2022

Reported by Mr. MANCHIN, without amendment

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**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 Protec-  
5       tion Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. WITHDRAWAL.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to valid existing rights,  
3 the Federal land described in subsection (b) is withdrawn  
4 from all forms of—

5 (1) location, entry, and patent under the mining  
6 laws; and

7 (2) disposition under the mineral leasing, min-  
8 eral materials, and geothermal leasing laws.

9 (b) DESCRIPTION.—The Federal land referred to in  
10 subsections (a) and (c) is the approximately 4,288 acres  
11 of land administered by the Director of the Bureau of  
12 Land Management and generally depicted as “Tract A”,  
13 “Tract B”, “Tract C”, and “Tract D” on the map entitled  
14 “Placitas, New Mexico Area Map” and dated November  
15 13, 2019.

16 (c) SURFACE ESTATE.—

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

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

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

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

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