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S. 2980

To authorize the voluntary donation of grazing permits and leases in the State of New Mexico, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 7, 2021

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

A BILL

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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 “Wildlife-Livestock Con-
5 flict Resolution Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DONATION OF GRAZING PERMITS AND LEASES.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Beginning in fiscal year 2022, the
8 Secretary of the Interior, with respect to public land, and
9 the Secretary of Agriculture, with respect to National For-
10 est System land (referred to in this section as the “Sec-

1 retary concerned”), shall accept the donation of any valid
2 existing leases or permits authorizing grazing on public
3 land or National Forest System land in the State of New
4 Mexico.

5 (b) TERMINATION.—With respect to each permit or
6 lease donated under subsection (a), the Secretary con-
7 cerned shall—

8 (1) terminate the grazing permit or lease; and
9 (2) except as provided in subsection (c), ensure
10 a permanent end to grazing on the land covered by
11 the permit or lease.

12 (c) COMMON ALLOTMENTS.—If the land covered by
13 a permit or lease donated under subsection (a) is also cov-
14 ered by another valid grazing permit or lease that is not
15 donated under that subsection, the Secretary concerned
16 shall not allow the total grazing use on the land to exceed
17 the average actual grazing use under the other valid graz-
18 ing permit or lease for the 5-year period preceding the
19 date of donation.

20 (d) LIMITATION.—Not greater than 10 permits or
21 leases may be donated under subsection (a) in each fiscal
22 year.

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