

118TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 9789

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to take into trust for the benefit of the San Felipe Pueblo certain Federal land in Sandoval County, New Mexico, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 24, 2024

Ms. STANSBURY (for herself and Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on 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. DEFINITIONS.**

4 In this Act:

5 (1) **FEDERAL LAND.**—The term “Federal land”
6 means the approximately 7,167 acres of land man-
7 aged by the Bureau of Land Management des-

1 ignated as “Proposed Conveyance—San Felipe
2 Pueblo” on the map.

3 (2) MAP.—The term “map” means the map ti-
4 tled “Ball Ranch ACEC & Additional BLM Land”
5 and dated October 26, 2018.

6 (3) PUEBLO.—The term “Pueblo” means the
7 San Felipe Pueblo in Sandoval County, New Mexico.

8 (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
9 the Secretary of the Interior.

10 **SEC. 2. LAND INTO TRUST.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall take the Fed-
12 eral land into trust for the benefit of the Pueblo.

13 (b) EASEMENTS.—After the Federal land is taken
14 into trust pursuant to subsection (a), the following condi-
15 tions shall continue to apply to the Federal land:

16 (1) A perpetual easement shall allow for an ac-
17 cess road of approximately 1.8 miles to the “Baca
18 Family” inholding on the Federal land to the same
19 extent as such access road existed on the date of the
20 enactment of this Act.

21 (2) Subject to agreement with the Pueblo, a
22 perpetual easement to allow federally recognized In-
23 dian Tribes to access and be on the conveyed Fed-
24 eral land in order to access cultural sites and for
25 cultural and religious practices on the Federal land.

1 (3) A requirement that the Pueblo maintain the
2 access road referred to in paragraph (1) to the same
3 engineering standards that the Bureau of Land
4 Management was required to maintain such road on
5 the date of the enactment of this Act.

6 (c) GRAZING.—Any lease, permit, or contract for
7 grazing on the Federal land that is in effect on the date
8 that the Federal land is taken into trust under subsection
9 (a) shall continue for the remainder of the term and sub-
10 ject to the terms and conditions of the grazing lease, per-
11 mit, or contract and all applicable laws and regulations.

12 (d) GAMING PROHIBITED.—Land taken into trust
13 under subsection (a) shall not be used for any class II
14 gaming or class III gaming under the Indian Gaming Reg-
15 ulatory Act (25 U.S.C. 2701 et seq.) (as those terms are
16 defined in section 4 of that Act (25 U.S.C. 2703)).

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