

S 2776

Galisteo Basin Archaeological Sites Protection Act

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Bingaman, Jeff [D-NM]

Party: Democratic • **State:** NM • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Domenici, Pete V. [R-NM]	R · NM		Oct 3, 2002

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Sep 19, 2002

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Galisteo Basin Archaeological Sites Protection Act - (Sec. 3) Designates specified archaeological sites in New Mexico as the Galisteo Basin Archaeological Protection Sites.

(Sec. 4) Requires the Secretary of the Interior to: (1) continue to search for additional Native American and Spanish colonial sites in the Galisteo Basin area; and (2) submit to Congress recommendations for additions to, deletions from, and modifications of the boundaries of such sites.

(Sec. 5) Directs the Secretary to administer archaeological protection sites located on Federal land in accordance with this Act and other applicable laws in a manner that will protect, preserve, and maintain the archaeological resources and provide for research thereon. Requires the Secretary to submit to specified congressional committees a general management plan (the plan) for the identification, research, protection, and public interpretation of the archaeological protection sites located on Federal lands, and those sites located on private and State lands for which the Secretary has entered into discretionary Cooperative Agreements with their owners for the protection, preservation, maintenance, and administration of their archaeological resources and associated lands.

Directs the Secretary to consult with various parties in developing the plan, including: (1) the Governor of New Mexico; and (2) affected Native American pueblos.

(Sec. 7) Authorizes the Secretary to acquire lands and interests within the boundaries of the archaeological protection sites, and access to them, by donation, purchase with donated or appropriated funds, or by exchange. Requires the consent of the owner thereof for such transactions. Limits to donation or exchange the Secretary's acquisition authority for lands or interests owned by the State of New Mexico or a local government, except that State trust land may be acquired only by exchange.

(Sec. 8) Withdraws all Federal lands within the sites, subject to valid existing rights, from: (1) all forms of entry, appropriation, or disposal under the public land laws; (2) location, entry, and patent under the mining laws; and (3) disposition under all laws relating to mineral and geothermal leasing.

(Sec. 9) States that this Act shall not be construed, among other things, to: (1) authorize regulation of privately owned lands within an archaeological protection site; or (2) restrict or limit an Indian tribe from protecting cultural or religious sites on tribal land.

(Sec. 10) Authorizes appropriations.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 8, 2002:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Reported by Senator Bingaman with an amendment. Without written report.
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- **Oct 8, 2002:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 660.
- **Oct 4, 2002:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Ordered to be reported with an amendment favorably.
- **Sep 19, 2002:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on National Parks. Hearings held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 107-860.
- **Aug 7, 2002:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Hearings held in Santa Fe, NM. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 107-837.
- **Jul 23, 2002:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jul 23, 2002:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S7230)
- **Jul 23, 2002:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (text of measure as introduced: CR S7230-7231)