

## HR 3176

Ojito Wilderness Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Public Lands and Natural Resources

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Udall, Tom [D-NM-3]

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

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Wilson, Heather [R-NM-1]	R · NM		Sep 24, 2003

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Discharged from	Sep 22, 2004

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 S 1649	Identical bill	<b>Feb 12, 2004:</b> Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests. Hearings held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 108-416.

Ojito Wilderness Act - (Sec. 3) Designates certain public land known as the Ojito Wilderness in New Mexico (Wilderness) as a component of the National Wilderness Preservation System. Requires that the map and a legal description of the Wilderness be filed by the Secretary of the Interior with the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources and the House Committee on Resources, and be made available for public inspection in offices of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

Requires that the Wilderness be managed by the Secretary in accordance with the Wilderness Act. Provides for the addition of specified land in New Mexico to the Wilderness if such land is acquired by the Federal Government.

Permits grazing of livestock in the Wilderness where grazing rights were established before the enactment of this Act. Provides that nothing in this Act affects: (1) the jurisdiction or responsibilities of New Mexico with respect to fish and wildlife in the State; or (2) any existing valid water right.

Directs the Secretary to seek an exchange for State land within the boundaries of the Wilderness within three years after enactment of this Act.

(Sec. 4) Requires the Secretary to hold in trust certain public lands for the Pueblo of Zia (Pueblo) and include such lands as part of the Pueblo's Reservation. Requires the Pueblo to pay the Secretary the fair market value (determined by an appraisal) of such public lands placed in trust. Authorizes the Secretary to use funds paid by the Pueblo to acquire non-Federal lands in New Mexico.

Preserves public access to Pueblo trust lands for recreational, scenic, scientific, educational, paleontological, and conservation uses. Authorizes a civil action in the U.S. District Court for the District of New Mexico to enforce right of public access.

Preserves existing rights-of-way in the trust lands. Requires the Pueblo to grant any reasonable request for rights-of-way for utilities and pipelines in the such lands.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Oct 4, 2004:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Resources. H. Rept. 108-717.
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- **Oct 4, 2004:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 440.
- **Sep 22, 2004:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Sep 22, 2004:** Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands Discharged.
- **Sep 22, 2004:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Jul 20, 2004:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Oct 1, 2003:** Executive Comment Requested from Interior.
- **Oct 1, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands.
- **Sep 24, 2003:** Introduced in House
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- **Sep 24, 2003:** Referred to the House Committee on Resources.