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Buffalo Tract Protection Act

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Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (Feb 15, 2017)

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 15, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 1085	Identical bill	Feb 27, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.

Summary (as of Feb 15, 2017)

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This bill withdraws specified Bureau of the Land Management (BLM) lands in Placitas, New Mexico, from all forms of mineral development under all laws pertaining to mineral leasing or mineral materials, including locatable minerals.

Nothing in this bill prohibits the disposal of the surface estate of such BLM lands under the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 or the Recreation and Public Purposes Act.

Any disposal of the surface estate of the BLM lands shall be subject to the condition that the mineral estate of those lands shall remain under the ownership of the BLM, subject to the withdrawal under this bill.

Actions Timeline

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