

HR 6365

Treaty of Guadalupe-Hidalgo Land Claims Act of 2018

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • **State:** NM • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Discharged from	Sep 27, 2018
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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill establishes the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo Land Grant-Merced Claims Commission to conduct a hearing on each qualifying petition that shows the claimed boundaries of a land grant-merced.

A "land grant-merced" is a specified community land grant, or a community, village, town, or settlement, the land of which was granted by Spain or Mexico between 1689 and 1854 within the Territory of New Mexico, which now includes New Mexico, Colorado, and Arizona, to the community, village, town, or pueblo, or to a person to found or establish a community, village, town, or settlement.

After a hearing, the Commission may recommend as restitution any one of the following possible restitutions:

- convey federal land;
- grant stewardship rights to all or part of federal land;
- grant priority access and use rights to such lands for the harvesting of natural resources, such as timber and minerals, grazing and watering of livestock, or hunting and fishing;
- grant priority rights to leases, special use permits, and easements on federal land, to acquire federal lands that may become available for disposal, or to obtain new, unused, or unrenewed grazing allotments on federal lands.

The bill prohibits the impairment of the rights of any acequia located on federal land as the result of enactment of this bill, including the right to the use of water by valid water right owners and access to the acequia for maintenance and improvements to its easement and infrastructure.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 27, 2018:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 115-1052.
- **Nov 27, 2018:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 819.
- **Sep 27, 2018:** Subcommittee on Federal Lands Discharged.
- **Sep 27, 2018:** Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans Discharged.
- **Sep 27, 2018:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Sep 27, 2018:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 19 - 12.
- **Sep 6, 2018:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Jul 17, 2018:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands.
- **Jul 17, 2018:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans.
- **Jul 13, 2018:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 13, 2018:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.