

## S 1079

### Chaco Cultural Heritage Area Protection Act of 2019

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**Chamber:** Senate

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

**Introduced:** Apr 9, 2019

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### Sponsor

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

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

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Apr 9, 2019

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Hearings By (subcommittee)	May 14, 2019

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 2181	Identical bill	<b>Oct 31, 2019:</b> Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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This bill withdraws any federal lands and interests that are within the boundaries of the Chaco Cultural Heritage Withdrawal Area and any land or interest located in such area which is acquired by the United States after enactment of this bill from

- entry, appropriation, and disposal under the public land laws;
- location, entry, and patent under the mining laws; and
- operation of the mineral leasing, mineral materials, and geothermal leasing laws.

The Department of the Interior may convey the federal lands to, or exchange such lands with, an Indian tribe in accordance with an approved resource management plan.

Certain oil and gas leases for federal lands on which drilling options have not started before the end of the primary term of the applicable lease and that are not producing oil or gas in paying quantities

- must terminate by operation of law pursuant to the Mineral Leasing Act and federal regulations, and
- may not be extended by Interior.

Any portion of federal land subject to such a lease that has been terminated, relinquished, or acquired by the United States shall also be withdrawn as described above.

## Actions Timeline

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- **May 14, 2019:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining. Hearings held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 116-323.
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