

## HR 1891

### White Sands National Park Establishment Act

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

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

**Introduced:** Mar 26, 2019

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands. (Apr 11, 2019)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/1891>

## Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Torres Small, Xochitl [D-NM-2]

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

## Cosponsors (2 total)

| Cosponsor                       | Party / State | Role | Date Joined  |
|---------------------------------|---------------|------|--------------|
| Rep. Haaland, Debra A. [D-NM-1] | D · NM        |      | Mar 26, 2019 |
| Rep. Lujan, Ben Ray [D-NM-3]    | D · NM        |      | Mar 26, 2019 |

## Committee Activity

| Committee                   | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
|-----------------------------|---------|-------------|--------------|
| Armed Services Committee    | House   | Referred to | Mar 27, 2019 |
| Natural Resources Committee | House   | Referred to | Apr 11, 2019 |

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

## Related Bills

| Bill        | Relationship   | Last Action   |
|-------------|----------------|---|
| 116 HR 2500 | Related bill   | Aug 11, 2020: Read twice. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 512. |
| 116 S 1790  | Related bill   | Dec 20, 2019: Became Public Law No: 116-92.   |
| 116 S 871   | Identical bill | Mar 26, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.                               |

## **White Sands National Park Establishment Act**

This bill establishes the White Sands National Park in New Mexico as a unit of the National Park System in order to protect, preserve, and restore the park's resources and recreational values and to enhance visitor experiences.

The bill abolishes the White Sands National Monument and incorporates the lands and interests that comprise the monument in and as a part of the park.

The Department of the Interior shall not nominate the park for inclusion on the World Heritage List of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) unless each county in which the park is located concurs in the nomination. Before submitting such a nomination, Interior must notify the Department of the Army of its intention to nominate the park for inclusion on the list.

Interior must complete an official boundary survey of the park.

The bill modifies the boundaries of the White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico and the Public Land Order 833 (relating to the withdrawal of certain public lands in New Mexico for use by the Army for military purposes and the revoking of certain executive orders and public land orders) to exclude the land transferred to Interior and to include the land transferred to the Army. The Army shall administer the land transferred to it as a part of the missile range.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Apr 11, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands.
- **Mar 27, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Readiness.
- **Mar 26, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 26, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.