

## S 491

America's Public Land Act of 2019

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**Chamber:** Senate

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

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**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (Feb 14, 2019)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]

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

### Cosponsors (8 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		Feb 14, 2019
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Feb 14, 2019
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Feb 14, 2019
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Feb 14, 2019
Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		Feb 14, 2019
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Feb 14, 2019
Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]	D · NM		Feb 14, 2019
Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		Jun 18, 2019

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 14, 2019

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 1276	Identical bill	<b>Mar 11, 2019:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.

## **America's Public Land Act of 2019**

This bill reaffirms that it is U.S. policy

- to retain public land in federal ownership unless its disposal has been authorized by an Act of Congress;
- to retain management authority over public land, except where a nonfederal individual or entity is authorized to exercise management authority pursuant to an Act of Congress or another applicable law; and
- that retention of public land and the management authority over it is in the public interest.

Neither the Department of the Interior nor of Agriculture shall approve or permit the conveyance of public land or the granting of management authority over such land to nonfederal individuals or entities except as authorized by an Act of Congress.

## **Actions Timeline**

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