

HR 5493

Land Grant-Mercedes Traditional Use Recognition and Consultation Act

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 8, 2021
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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
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This bill requires the Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Department of the Interior to issue guidance related to certain community land grants in New Mexico made by Spain or Mexico to individuals, groups, and communities to promote the settlement of the southwestern United States (land grant-mercedes).

The guidance shall set forth the policies and procedures for notice and comment on planning decisions, routine engagement, and major federal actions that could impact historical-traditional uses of a qualified land grant-merced.

In developing, maintaining, and revising land management plans and National Forest System land and resource management plans, as applicable, the USDA or Interior shall consider and, as appropriate, provide for and evaluate impacts to historical-traditional uses by qualified land grant-mercedes.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 1, 2022:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Oct 8, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife.
- **Oct 8, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands.
- **Oct 5, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Oct 5, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.