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H. R. 2717

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the San Felipe Pueblo certain Federal land in Sandoval County, New Mexico, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 14, 2019

Ms. HAALAND introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS.**

4 In this Act:

5 (1) FEDERAL LAND.—The term “Federal land”
6 means the approximately 7,167 acres of land man-
7 aged by the Bureau of Land Management des-
8 igned as “Proposed Conveyance—San Felipe
9 Pueblo” on the map.

1 (2) MAP.—The term “map” means the map ti-
2 tled “Ball Ranch ACEC & Additional BLM Land”
3 and dated October 26, 2018.

4 (3) PUEBLO.—The term “Pueblo” means the
5 San Felipe Pueblo in Sandoval County, New Mexico.

6 (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
7 the Secretary of the Interior.

8 **SEC. 2. CONVEYANCE TO SAN FELIPE PUEBLO.**

9 (a) AUTHORIZATION FOR CONVEYANCE.—Not later
10 than 120 days after the date on which the Secretary re-
11 ceives a request from the Pueblo to convey, for no consid-
12 eration, all of the Federal land (including mineral rights),
13 subject to valid existing rights and notwithstanding the
14 land use planning requirements of sections 202 and 203
15 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976
16 (43 U.S.C. 1712, 1713), the Secretary shall convey to the
17 Pueblo all right, title, and interest of the United States
18 in and to the Federal land.

19 (b) EASEMENTS.—The conveyance under subsection
20 (a) shall be subject to the following conditions which shall
21 be part of the deed for the conveyed Federal land:

22 (1) Perpetual easements shall allow for the fol-
23 lowing access roads on the Federal land to the same
24 extent as such access roads exist on the date of the
25 enactment of this Act:

1 (A) An access road of approximately 2.4
2 miles to the “Hamaatsa” inholding.

3 (B) An access road of approximately 1.8
4 miles to the “Baca Family” inholding.

5 (2) Subject to agreement with the Pueblo, a
6 perpetual easement to allow federally recognized In-
7 dian Tribes to access and be on the conveyed Fed-
8 eral land in order to access cultural sites and for
9 cultural and religious practices on the Federal land.

10 (3) A requirement that the Pueblo maintain the
11 access roads referred to in paragraph (1) to the
12 same engineering standards that the Bureau of
13 Land Management was required to maintain such
14 roads on the date of the enactment of this Act.

15 (c) GRAZING.—If Federal land is subject to a lease,
16 permit, or contract for the grazing of domestic livestock
17 in effect on the date of the conveyance of the Federal land
18 under this Act, the grazing may, at the discretion of the
19 Pueblo, continue for the remainder of the term of the
20 lease, permit, or contract, subject to the related terms and
21 conditions of user agreements, including permitted stock-
22 ing rates, grazing fee levels, access, and ownership and
23 use of range improvements.

1 (d) COSTS.—The United States shall pay all costs of
2 the conveyance under subsection (a).

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