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H. R. 5628

To withdraw certain Federal land in the Pecos Watershed area of the State of New Mexico from mineral entry, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 19, 2021

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Pecos Watershed Pro-
5 tection Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. WITHDRAWAL OF FEDERAL LAND IN PECOS WATER-**
7 **SHED AREA, NEW MEXICO.**

8 (a) DEFINITION OF FEDERAL LAND.—In this sec-
9 tion, the term “Federal land” means the Federal land de-
10 picted as “Pecos Withdrawal” on the map entitled “Pecos

1 Watershed, upstream of I-25 Mineral Withdrawal” and
2 dated September 1, 2020.

3 (b) WITHDRAWAL.—Subject to valid rights in exist-
4 ence on the date of enactment of this Act, the Federal
5 land is withdrawn from all forms of—

6 (1) entry, appropriation, or disposal under the
7 public land laws;

8 (2) location, entry, and patent under the mining
9 laws; and

10 (3) disposition under all laws pertaining to min-
11 eral and geothermal leasing or mineral materials.

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