

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: In the nature of a substitute.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—113th Cong., 1st Sess.

S. 241

To establish the Río Grande del Norte National Conservation Area in the State of New Mexico, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and
ordered to be printed

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AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE intended
to be proposed by _____

Viz:

1 Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the fol-
2 lowing:

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Cerro del Norte Con-
5 servation Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) MAP.—The term “map” means the map en-
9 titled “Río Grande del Norte National Monument
10 Proposed Wilderness Areas” and dated May 2,
11 2013.

1 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
2 the Secretary of the Interior.

3 (3) WILDERNESS AREA.—The term “wilderness
4 area” means a wilderness area designated by section
5 3(a).

6 **SEC. 3. DESIGNATION OF RÍO GRANDE DEL NORTE WILDER-**
7 **NESS AREAS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—In accordance with the Wilderness
9 Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.), the following areas in the
10 Río Grande del Norte National Monument are designated
11 as wilderness and as components of the National Wilder-
12 ness Preservation System:

13 (1) CERRO DEL YUTA WILDERNESS.—Certain
14 land administered by the Bureau of Land Manage-
15 ment in Taos County, New Mexico, comprising ap-
16 proximately 13,420 acres as generally depicted on
17 the map, which shall be known as the “Cerro del
18 Yuta Wilderness”.

19 (2) RÍO SAN ANTONIO WILDERNESS.—Certain
20 land administered by the Bureau of Land Manage-
21 ment in Río Arriba County, New Mexico, comprising
22 approximately 8,000 acres, as generally depicted on
23 the map, which shall be known as the “Río San An-
24 tonio Wilderness”.

1 (b) MANAGEMENT OF WILDERNESS AREAS.—Subject
2 to valid existing rights, the wilderness areas shall be ad-
3 ministered in accordance with the Wilderness Act (16
4 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.) and this Act, except that with respect
5 to the wilderness areas designated by this Act—

6 (1) any reference to the effective date of the
7 Wilderness Act shall be considered to be a reference
8 to the date of enactment of this Act; and

9 (2) any reference in the Wilderness Act to the
10 Secretary of Agriculture shall be considered to be a
11 reference to the Secretary.

12 (c) INCORPORATION OF ACQUIRED LAND AND INTER-
13 ESTS IN LAND.—Any land or interest in land within the
14 boundary of the wilderness areas that is acquired by the
15 United States shall—

16 (1) become part of the wilderness area in which
17 the land is located; and

18 (2) be managed in accordance with—

19 (A) the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et
20 seq.);

21 (B) this Act; and

22 (C) any other applicable laws.

23 (d) GRAZING.—Grazing of livestock in the wilderness
24 areas, where established before the date of enactment of
25 this Act, shall be administered in accordance with—

1 (1) section 4(d)(4) of the Wilderness Act (16
2 U.S.C. 1133(d)(4)); and

3 (2) the guidelines set forth in appendix A of the
4 Report of the Committee on Interior and Insular Af-
5 fairs to accompany H.R. 2570 of the 101st Congress
6 (H. Rept. 101–405).

7 (e) BUFFER ZONES.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this Act creates
9 a protective perimeter or buffer zone around the wil-
10 derness areas.

11 (2) ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE WILDERNESS
12 AREAS.—The fact that an activity or use on land
13 outside a wilderness area can be seen or heard with-
14 in the wilderness area shall not preclude the activity
15 or use outside the boundary of the wilderness area.

16 (f) RELEASE OF WILDERNESS STUDY AREAS.—Con-
17 gress finds that, for purposes of section 603(c) of the Fed-
18 eral Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C.
19 1782(c)), the public land within the San Antonio Wilder-
20 ness Study Area not designated as wilderness by this sec-
21 tion—

22 (1) has been adequately studied for wilderness
23 designation;

1 (2) is no longer subject to section 603(c) of the
2 Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976
3 (43 U.S.C. 1782(c)); and

4 (3) shall be managed in accordance with this
5 Act.

6 (g) MAPS AND LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable after
8 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary
9 shall file the map and legal descriptions of the wil-
10 derness areas with—

11 (A) the Committee on Energy and Natural
12 Resources of the Senate; and

13 (B) the Committee on Natural Resources
14 of the House of Representatives.

15 (2) FORCE OF LAW.—The map and legal de-
16 scriptions filed under paragraph (1) shall have the
17 same force and effect as if included in this Act, ex-
18 cept that the Secretary may correct errors in the
19 legal description and map.

20 (3) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The map and legal
21 descriptions filed under paragraph (1) shall be on
22 file and available for public inspection in the appro-
23 priate offices of the Bureau of Land Management.

1 (h) NATIONAL LANDSCAPE CONSERVATION SYS-
2 TEM.—The wilderness areas shall be administered as com-
3 ponents of the National Landscape Conservation System.

4 (i) FISH AND WILDLIFE.—Nothing in this Act affects
5 the jurisdiction of the State of New Mexico with respect
6 to fish and wildlife located on public land in the State.

7 (j) WITHDRAWALS.—Subject to valid existing rights,
8 any Federal land within the wilderness areas designated
9 by subsection (a), including any land or interest in land
10 that is acquired by the United States after the date of
11 enactment of this Act, is withdrawn from—

12 (1) entry, appropriation, or disposal under the
13 public land laws;

14 (2) location, entry, and patent under the mining
15 laws; and

16 (3) operation of the mineral leasing, mineral
17 materials, and geothermal leasing laws.

18 (k) TREATY RIGHTS.—Nothing in this Act enlarges,
19 diminishes, or otherwise modifies any treaty rights.