

Union Calendar No. 335

109TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 3817

[Report No. 109-583]

To withdraw the Valle Vidal Unit of the Carson National Forest in New Mexico from location, entry, and patent under the mining laws, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 15, 2005

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

JULY 20, 2006

Additional sponsors: Mr. DEFAZIO, Mr. SIMPSON, and Mrs. WILSON of New Mexico

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Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Valle Vidal Protection
3 Act of 2005”.

4 **SEC. 2. WITHDRAWAL OF VALLE VIDAL UNIT, CARSON NA-
5 TIONAL FOREST, NEW MEXICO, FROM MINING
6 LAWS.**

7 (a) WITHDRAWAL.—Subject to subsection (b), the
8 Valle Vidal Unit of the Carson National Forest in New
9 Mexico, which consists of 101,794 acres and is identified
10 as Management Area 21 in the land and resource manage-
11 ment plan for the Carson National Forest, is hereby with-
12 drawn from—

13 (1) all forms of entry, appropriation, and dis-
14 posal under the public land laws;

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

17 (3) operation of the mineral leasing and geo-
18 thermal leasing laws and mineral materials laws.

19 (b) TREATMENT OF EXISTING RIGHTS.—The with-
20 drawal required by subsection (a) is subject to valid exist-
21 ing rights. If these existing rights are relinquished or oth-
22 erwise acquired by the United States at any time after
23 the date of the enactment of this Act, the lands that were
24 subject to the rights shall be immediately withdrawn as
25 provided in subsection (a).

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