

AMENDMENT OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE LEGER FERNÁNDEZ TO H.R. 4374

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SEC. 1. ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL.

(a) Plan.—The Secretary of the Interior shall, in consultation with the Assistant Secretary for Economic Development, Secretary of Agriculture, and Secretary of Energy, no later than 180 days after the passage of this Act, develop a plan to deliver economic opportunities and improved infrastructure to the Navajo Nation and Navajo tribal members located in Northwest New Mexico, including in the 10-mile buffer area withdrawn by Public Land Order No. 7923.

(b) Consultation.—In developing the plan required under subsection (a), the Secretary shall engage in consultation with the Navajo Nation and any other relevant Tribes. Such consultation must include at least three in-person meetings in Northwest New Mexico, at least one virtual meeting with a call-in option, and must include Navajo language translation services.

(c) Inclusions.— The plan under subsection (a) shall include—

- (1) A strategy to expand job opportunities and capital investment in Northwest New Mexico and the Navajo Nation, with special consideration for opportunities related to agriculture, tourism, and clean energy.
- (2) A strategy to expand or improve access to water, transportation, and electrical infrastructure.
- (3) Any recommendations to improve existing law and or expand existing programs to better deliver these services to the Navajo Nation and Navajo members, including allottees.

(d) Special consideration.—The plan under subsection (a) shall give special consideration to how the Secretary, in coordination with other federal agencies, can leverage funding provided through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, Inflation Reduction Act, and CHIPS and Science Act to carry out the plan.

(e) Authorization of Appropriations.—There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are necessary to carry out the plan under subsection (a).

(f) Report.—Not later than 2 years after the publication of the plan under subsection (a), the Secretary shall report to the relevant Committees of Congress on the number of jobs created, wages generated, and government revenue collected as a result of carrying out the plan under subsection (a).