

**Committee on Natural Resources
Subcommittee on Federal Lands
U.S. House of Representatives
Legislative Hearing
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**Rep. Westerman, (R-AR-4) Question
Regarding H.R. 4377, Barry M. Goldwater Range Land Withdrawal**

Question: The extension for the Barry M. Goldwater Range, H.R. 4377, also includes a provision clearing the title for a parcel of land to be included in an adjacent wildlife refuge. What is the Air Force's position on this part of the proposal?

Answer: The DAF has collaborated with the Bureau of Land Management and the Department of the Interior for several years throughout the development and preparation of the withdrawal documentation and legislative proposal. The DAF no longer needs the 20.66 acre parcel in question, the Legal Tender Mine, and therefore does not object to the parcel's inclusion into the Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge and Wilderness. The Arizona Desert Wilderness Act of 1990 assures low-level flight operations are permitted over designated wilderness and refuge areas.