

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE  
TO H.R. 1299**

**OFFERED BY Mr. Grijalva**\_\_\_\_\_

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

**1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2       This Act may be cited as the “White Sands Missile  
3 Range Security Enhancement Act”.

**4 SEC. 2. MILITARY LAND WITHDRAWAL AND TRANSFER TO  
5               SUPPORT WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE AND  
6               FORT BLISS.**

7       (a) WITHDRAWAL.—

8           (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to valid existing  
9 rights and paragraph (3), the Federal land described  
10 in paragraph (2) is withdrawn from—

11           (A) entry, appropriation, and disposal  
12           under the public land laws;

13           (B) location, entry, and patent under the  
14           mining laws; and

15           (C) operation of the mineral leasing, min-  
16           eral materials, and geothermal leasing laws.

1           (2) DESCRIPTION OF FEDERAL LAND.—The  
2 Federal land referred to in paragraph (1) consists  
3 of—

4           (A) the approximately 5,100 acres of land  
5 depicted as “Parcel 1” on the map entitled  
6 “White Sands Missile Range/Fort Bliss/BLM  
7 Land Transfer and Withdrawal” and dated  
8 April 3, 2012 (referred to in this section as the  
9 “map”);

10          (B) the approximately 37,600 acres of land  
11 depicted as “Parcel 2”, “Parcel 3”, and “Par-  
12 cel 4” on the map; and

13          (C) any land or interest in land that is ac-  
14 quired by the United States within the bound-  
15 aries of the parcels described in subparagraph  
16 (B).

17          (3) LIMITATION.—Notwithstanding paragraph  
18 (1), the land depicted as “Parcel 4” on the map is  
19 not withdrawn for purposes of the issuance of oil  
20 and gas pipeline rights-of-way.

21          (b) RESERVATION.—The Federal land described in  
22 subsection (a)(2)(A) is reserved for use by the Secretary  
23 of the Army for military purposes in accordance with Pub-  
24 lic Land Order 833, dated May 21, 1952 (17 Fed. Reg.  
25 4822).

1           (c) TRANSFER OF ADMINISTRATIVE JURISDIC-  
2 TION.—Effective on the date of enactment of this Act, ad-  
3 ministrative jurisdiction over the approximately 2,050  
4 acres of land generally depicted as “Parcel 2” on the  
5 map—

6           (1) is transferred from the Secretary of the  
7 Army to the Secretary of the Interior (acting  
8 through the Director of the Bureau of Land Man-  
9 agement); and

10           (2) shall be managed in accordance with—

11                   (A) the Federal Land Policy and Manage-  
12 ment Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.); and

13                   (B) any other applicable laws.

14           (d) LEGAL DESCRIPTION.—

15           (1) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable after  
16 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of  
17 the Interior shall publish in the Federal Register a  
18 legal description of the Federal land withdrawn by  
19 subsection (a).

20           (2) FORCE OF LAW.—The legal description pub-  
21 lished under paragraph (1) shall have the same force  
22 and effect as if included in this Act, except that the  
23 Secretary of the Interior may correct errors in the  
24 legal description.

1           (3) REIMBURSEMENT OF COSTS.—The Sec-  
2           retary of the Army shall reimburse the Secretary of  
3           the Interior for any costs incurred by the Secretary  
4           of the Interior in implementing this subsection with  
5           regard to the Federal land described in subsection  
6           (a)(2)(A).

Amend the title so as to read: “A bill to provide for the withdrawal and reservation of certain Federal land in the vicinity of White Sands Missile Range and Fort Bliss for military use, and for other purposes.”.

