



Summary and Analysis of the Buffalo Tract Protection Act

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This bill will **withdraw 4,288 acres of BLM land**, including an **eponymous tract shaped like a buffalo**, from all forms of mineral development, while maintaining the authority of BLM to sell, lease, or exchange the surface rights.

Permanent withdrawal would...

1. **Protect a wildlife corridor and the surrounding habitat** and
2. **Support the role of local communities** as they shape the actions of federal agencies.

Subsection Analysis

- Sec. 2(a) **withdraws the land in question** from all forms of mineral development.
- Sec. 2(b) defines the land as **four plots of land totaling 4,288 acres** near Placitas, NM.
- Sec. 2(c) maintains the **authority of BLM to sell, lease, or exchange the surface rights to the parcels**, and ensures that if rights are sold, leased, or exchanged, the mineral rights will remain withdrawn from development.