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109TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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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

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

A BILL

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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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Valle Vidal Protection
5 Act of 2005”.



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

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

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

12 (2) location, entry, and patent under the mining
13 laws; and

14 (3) operation of the mineral leasing and geo-
15 thermal leasing laws and mineral materials laws.

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21 subject to the rights shall be immediately withdrawn as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

