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Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs,  
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Concerning

H.R. 3605, "Sandia Pueblo Settlement Technical Amendment Act"

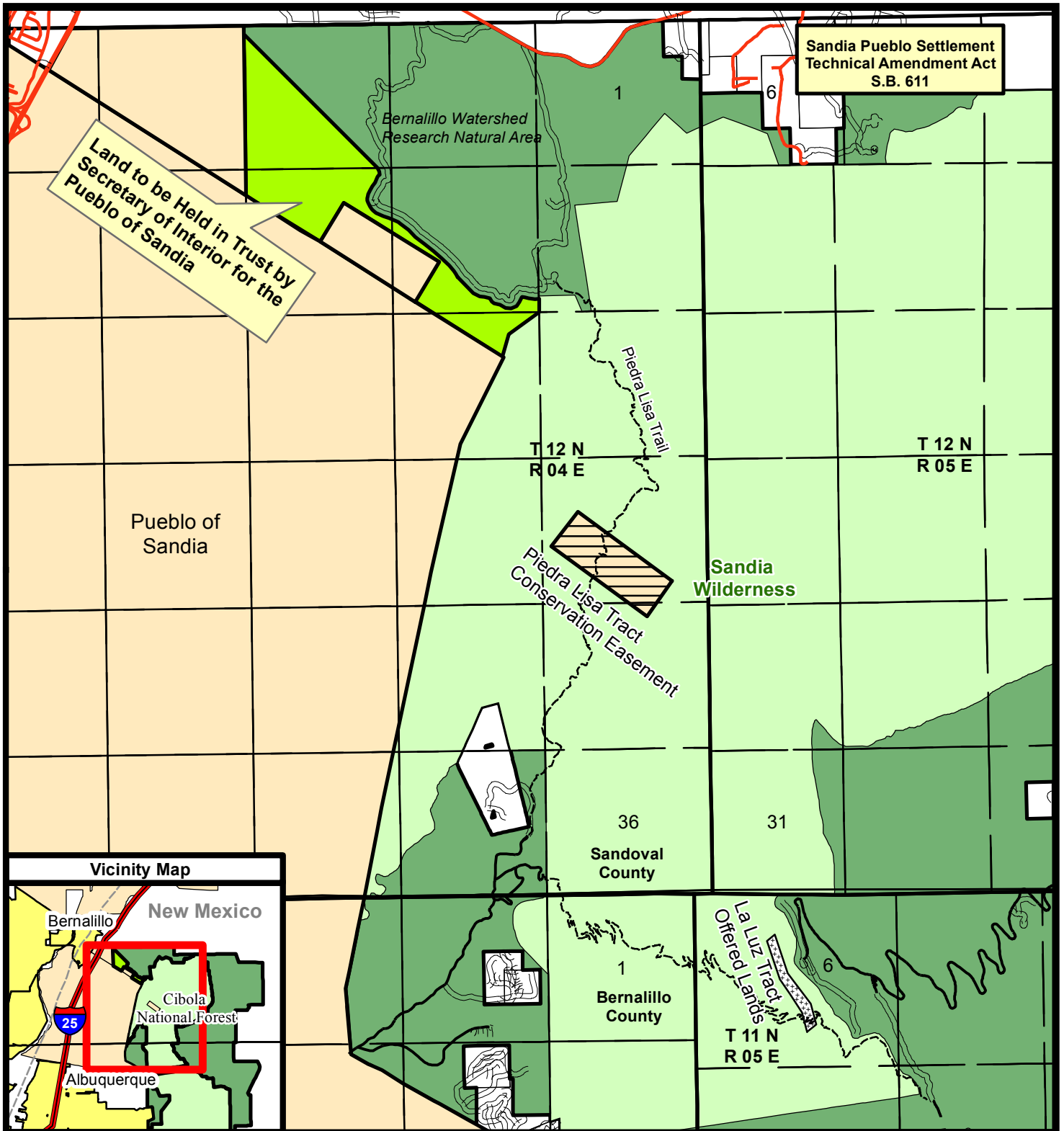
Chairman Young, Ranking Member Hanabusa, and members of the Subcommittee, thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today to provide the Department of Agriculture's views on H.R. 3605 "Sandia Pueblo Settlement Technical Amendment Act.

The Administration supports H.R. 3605. H.R. 3605 would amend the T'uf Shur Bien Preservation Trust Area Act (Act) by adding paragraph (6) to section 413(b) requiring the Secretary of Agriculture, at the request of the Sandia Pueblo of New Mexico and the Secretary of the Interior, to transfer certain National Forest System (NFS) land to the Secretary of the Interior to be held in trust for the Pueblo, if a land exchange with the Pueblo currently required by that Act is not completed within 30 days of enactment of the bill. The bill provides an additional option of using an interagency transfer of lands, in addition to the land exchange that was specified in the original Act. An interchange can achieve the original Act's objectives, but through a process less complex and considerably less expensive than a land exchange.

The bill would require the NFS land conveyed to the Secretary of the Interior under paragraph (6) "remain undeveloped with the natural characteristics of the land to be preserved in perpetuity." After the transfer of the NFS land is complete, the bill would require the Secretary of the Interior, with the consent of the Pueblo, to transfer to the Secretary of Agriculture (1) the La Luz tract as generally depicted on the map entitled "Sandia Pueblo Settlement Technical Amendment Act and dated October 24, 2013; (2) the conservation easement on the Piedra Lisa tract as generally depicted on the map entitled "Sandia Pueblo Settlement Technical Amendment Act and dated October 24, 2013; and (3) the right-of-way for the Piedra Lisa Trail within the Piedra Lisa tract as generally depicted on the map entitled "Sandia Pueblo Settlement Technical Amendment Act and dated October 24, 2013. The La Luz tract would be conveyed to the Secretary of Agriculture without deed conditions.

The Forest Service has been working closely with the Pueblo of Sandia and Bureau of Indian Affairs to ensure this transfer is implemented smoothly.

This concludes my testimony and I would be happy to answer any questions that you may have.



**Sandia Pueblo Settlement  
Technical Amendment Act  
S.B. 611**

**Land to be Held in Trust by  
Secretary of Interior for the  
Pueblo of Sandia**

Pueblo of Sandia

Sandia Wilderness

Piedra Lisa Conservation Easement

Piedra Lisa Trail

T 12 N  
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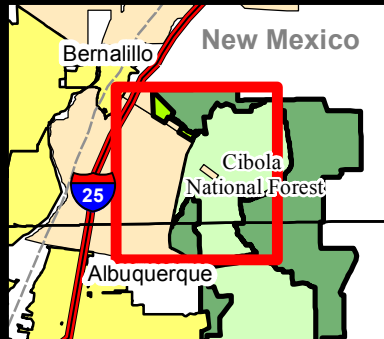
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Sandoval County

Bernalillo County

La Luz Tract  
Offered Lands  
T 11 N  
R 05 E

**Vicinity Map**



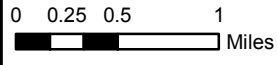
**References**

U.S. Forest System Lands Boundary limits derived from Region 3 Automated Lands Program source GIS data.



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**Legend**

- U.S. National Forest System Lands
- U.S. National Forest System Wilderness Lands
- U.S. National Forest Systems Lands Proposed for Exchange
- Pueblo of Sandia
- City
- Private Lands
- Piedra Lisa Conservation Easement to be Transferred to USDA Forest Service
- La Luz Tract to be Transferred to USDA Forest Service
- Interstate Highway
- Major Road
- Local Road
- Trail
- Bernalillo Watershed Research Natural Area

**Sandia Pueblo Settlement  
Technical Amendment Act**

**S.B. 611 - Senator Tom Udall**

Township 12 North, Range 4 East  
Sections 3, 10, 11, and 14  
New Mexico Principal Meridian  
Sandoval County, New Mexico

U.S. Forest Service - Region 3  
Cibola National Forest  
Sandia Ranger District

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