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Mr. BINGAMAN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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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 “Bandelier National  
5 Monument Administrative Improvement and Watershed  
6 Protection Act of 1997”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.**

2 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that:

3 (1) Bandelier National Monument (hereinafter,  
4 the Monument) was established by Presidential pro-  
5 clamation on February 11, 1916, to preserve the ar-  
6 cheological resources of a “vanished people, with as  
7 much land as may be necessary for the proper pro-  
8 tection thereof. . .” (No. 1322; 39 Stat. 1746).

9 (2) At various times since its establishment, the  
10 Congress and the President have adjusted the Monu-  
11 ment’s boundaries and purpose to further preserva-  
12 tion of archeological and natural resources within  
13 the Monument.

14 (A) On February 25, 1932, the Otowi Sec-  
15 tion of the Santa Fe National Forest (some  
16 4,699 acres of land) was transferred to the  
17 Monument from the Santa Fe National Forest  
18 (Presidential Proclamation No. 1191; 17 Stat.  
19 2503).

20 (B) In December of 1959, 3,600 acres of  
21 Frijoles Mesa were transferred to the National  
22 Park Service from the Atomic Energy Commit-  
23 tee (hereinafter, AEC) and subsequently added  
24 to the Monument on January 9, 1991, because  
25 of “pueblo-type archeological ruins germane to

1 those in the monument” (Presidential Procla-  
2 mation No. 3388).

3 (C) On May 27, 1963, Upper Canyon,  
4 2,882 acres of land previously administered by  
5 the AEC, was added to the Monument to pre-  
6 serve “their unusual scenic character together  
7 with geologic and topographic features, the  
8 preservation of which would implement the pur-  
9 poses” of the Monument (Presidential Procla-  
10 mation No. 3539).

11 (D) In 1976, concerned about upstream  
12 land management activities that could result in  
13 flooding and erosion in the Monument, Con-  
14 gress included the headwaters of the Rito de los  
15 Frijoles and the Cañada de Cochiti Grant (a  
16 total of 7,310 acres) within the Monument’s  
17 boundaries (Public Law 94–578; 90 Stat.  
18 2732).

19 (E) In 1976, Congress created the Ban-  
20 delier Wilderness, a 23,267 acres area that cov-  
21 ers over 70 percent of the Monument.

22 (3) The Monument still has potential threats  
23 from flooding, erosion, and water quality deteriora-  
24 tion because of the mixed ownership of the upper

1        watersheds, along its western border, particularly in  
2        Alamo Canyon.

3        (b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this Act are to  
4        modify the boundary of the Monument to allow for acqui-  
5        sition and enhanced protection of the lands within the  
6        Monument’s upper watershed.

7        **SEC. 3. BOUNDARY MODIFICATION.**

8        Effective on the date of enactment of this Act, the  
9        boundaries of the Monument shall be modified to include  
10       approximately 935 acres of land comprised of the Elk  
11       Meadows subdivision, the Gardner parcel, the Clark par-  
12       cel, and the Baca Land & Cattle Co. lands within the  
13       Upper Alamo watershed as depicted on the map National  
14       Park Service map entitled “Alamo Headwaters Proposed  
15       Additions” dated 6/97. Such map shall be on file and  
16       available for public inspection in the offices of the Director  
17       of the National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

18       **SEC. 4. TRANSFER AND ACQUISITION OF LANDS.**

19       Within the boundaries designated by this Act, the  
20       Secretary of the Interior is authorized to acquire lands  
21       (or interests in lands such as he determines shall ade-  
22       quately protect the Monument from flooding, erosion, and  
23       degradation of its drainage waters) by donation, purchase  
24       with donated or appropriated funds, exchange, or transfer  
25       of lands acquired by other Federal agencies.

1 **SEC. 5. ADMINISTRATION.**

2       The Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Di-  
3 rector of the National Park Service, shall manage the na-  
4 tional Monument, including lands added to the Monument  
5 by this Act, in accordance with this Act and the provisions  
6 of law generally applicable to units of National Park Sys-  
7 tem, including the Act of August 25, an Act to establish  
8 a National Park Service (39 Stat. 535; 16 U.S.C. 1 et  
9 seq.), and such specific legislation as heretofore has been  
10 enacted regarding the Monument.

11 **SEC. 6. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

12       There is authorized to be appropriated such sums as  
13 may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.

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