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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Valle Vidal Protection  
3 Act of 2005”.

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

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

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

15 (2) location, entry, and patent under the mining  
16 laws; and

17 (3) operation of the mineral leasing and geo-  
18 thermal leasing laws and mineral materials laws.

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

- 1 subject to the rights shall be immediately withdrawn as
- 2 provided in subsection (a).

Passed the House of Representatives July 24, 2006.

Attest:

*Clerk.*