



Legislation and Other Planning: Chaco Culture National Historical Park

This table summarizes the legislation, resolutions, and other relevant pending policy related to Chaco Culture National Historical Park (CCNHP) and their connection to this RMPA/EIS process. The graphic on the other side of this page demonstrates how each of the draft RMPA/EIS alternatives would manage oil and gas development on federally managed lands around the CCNHP.

Relevant Legislation, Resolution, etc.	Connection to the RMPA/EIS
<p>Chaco Cultural Heritage Area Protection Act (H.R. 2181): Introduced In the U.S. House of Representatives on April 9, 2019, H.R. 2181 establishes an approximate 10-mile withdrawal from federal oil and gas leasing around the CCNHP.. The legislation does not apply to individual Indian allotted minerals. STATUS: Passed in the House and referred to the U.S. Senate. A companion bill (S. 1079) was also introduced in the U.S. Senate on April 9, 2019..</p>	<p>This measure would remove the lands within the 10-mile withdrawal area around the CCNHP from oil and gas leasing. Therefore, the Draft RMPA/EIS would no longer include this area in its oil and gas leasing analysis if this became law.</p>
<p>Navajo Nation Council Resolution (Legislation No. 0366-19): In January 2020, the Navajo Nation Council withdrew their support of a 10-mile buffer around the CCNHP and instead approved language supporting a 5-mile Federal buffer that they argue would provide additional protections to sacred cultural sites, while still allowing allottees to develop their mineral estates beyond the 5-mile buffer area. STATUS: Passed in Navajo Nation Tribal Council.</p>	<p>This resolution is a position statement and won't have full legal effect. The BLM and the BIA request comments from the public on whether a five-mile Federal buffer around CCNHP should be considered in the Final RMPA/EIS.</p>
<p>One-year federal oil and gas leasing spending prohibition (Public Law 116-94): Included in the December 2019 spending bill, this measure prohibited the use of appropriations of FY 2020 for federal oil and gas leasing within 10 miles of the CCNHP until the completion of the cultural resources investigation to be conducted by the BIA (this bill provided \$1 million to the BIA for this investigation). STATUS: Signed into law and now in effect.</p>	<p>This resolution does not affect Navajo trust minerals, tribal allotments, or individual Indian allotted minerals. Any federal oil and gas leasing with funds from years other than FY 2020 is unaffected, but leasing requiring funding for FY 2020 is on hold until the completion of the cultural resources investigation.</p>
<p>One-year federal oil and gas leasing moratorium: In May 2019, US Department of Interior Secretary Bernhardt visited the CCNHP and declared a one-year moratorium on all federal oil and gas leasing within the 10-mile buffer zone around the CCNHP. His statement directs the BLM and BIA to “promptly publish a draft Resource Management Plan that includes an alternative that reflects the tribal leaders’ views and the proposed legislative boundaries.” STATUS: Currently in effect.</p>	<p>This measure has no effect on Navajo trust minerals, tribal allotments, or Individual Indian allotments. It currently suspends all federal oil and gas leasing until May 2020. Per Secretary Bernhardt’s direction, the current draft RMPA/EIS analyzes an alternative excluding oil and gas leasing within the 10-mile buffer zone around the CCNHP.</p>
<p>New Mexico State Land Commissioner oil and gas leasing moratorium: In April 2019, the New Mexico State Lands Commissioner signed Executive Order 2019-002, which withheld state trust lands from new oil and gas leasing until December 2023. STATUS: Currently in effect.</p>	<p>This measure does not impact the NEPA process at hand. It also has no effect on existing state oil and gas leases; federal oil and gas leasing; or the leasing of Navajo trust minerals, tribal allotments, or Individual Indian allotments.</p>



BLM Fluid Mineral Leasing Allocations Related to the CCNHP in the Draft RMPA/EIS

