Amendment to Division B of Rules
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Offered by Mr. Luján of New Mexico

At the end of division B (before the short title), insert the following:

Sec. 783. (a) In developing, maintaining, and revising land management plans pursuant to section 202 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1712) and section 6 of the National Forest Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1604), as applicable, the Secretary concerned shall, in accordance with applicable law, consider and, as appropriate, provide for, historical-traditional uses by an acequia or qualified land grant-merced.

(b) In this section:

(1) The term “qualified land grant-merced” means a community which—

(A) received a patent from the United States; or

(B) is recognized by the State of New Mexico.

(2) The term “Secretary concerned” means—

(A) with respect to National Forest System land, the Secretary of Agriculture; and
(B) with respect to public lands, the Secretary of the Interior.