

Lujan's statement on Manhattan Project National Historic Park

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SANTA FE – Congressman Ben Ray Luján of New Mexico's Third District released the following statement Nov. 10 on the signing of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) by U.S. Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell and U.S. Secretary of Energy Ernest Moniz to establish the Manhattan Project National Historical Park. The MOA officially establishes the Manhattan Project National Historic Park as a unit of the National Park System.

"Today's signing of the Memorandum of Agreement to officially establish the Manhattan Project National Historical Park is the culmination of the tireless efforts by so many to preserve the story of the Manhattan Project and Los Alamos' contributions to a critical time in our nation's history.

"The Manhattan Project National Historical Park will ensure that future generations can understand the full impacts, both positive and negative, of a project that changed the world and ushered in the atomic age.

It will recognize all those who played a key role in the national security of our nation and share the story of everyone who built the lab, maintained the facility, and conducted scientific research at LANL.

Through this park, their stories will live on. Understanding this unique and transformative time in history will allow us to reflect on the past, while charting a course toward a future that seeks to ensure peace and prosperity."