



Committee on Natural Resources

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Natural Resources Provisions in NDAA

Creating Jobs, Growing Economy, Increasing Energy & Mineral Production while opening new lands and releasing lands from federal ownership

The bipartisan House-Senate agreement, included in Title 30 of NDAA, supports American job creation and economic growth through a balanced approach to improve the management of our public lands and natural resources. It will create thousands of American jobs, cut red-tape to energy production on federal lands, boost American mineral production, protect multiple-use and public recreation on federal lands, convey over 100,000 acres out of federal ownership, and open 26,000 acres managed as wilderness to multiple use.

Key Highlights:

- ✓ **Oil & Natural Gas Production** - Boosts new oil and natural gas production on federal lands by reducing permit delays, providing regulatory certainty to American job creators, preventing the Obama Administration from increasing costs, and extending a successful pilot program that helps the BLM deal with a backlog of drilling permit applications.
- ✓ **American Mineral Production** - Allows for opening up the third largest undeveloped copper resource in the world - supporting nearly 3,700 American jobs and producing enough copper to meet 25 percent of current U.S. demand.
- ✓ **Grazing Permits** - Reduces grazing permit backlogs and adds needed certainty to America's ranching community.
- ✓ **Federal Land Conveyance** - Provides for over 110,000 acres of land to be conveyed out of federal ownership to be utilized for economic development (including mineral production, timber production, infrastructure projects) and community development (ie, local cemetery, shooting range).
- ✓ **Multiple Use Lands** - Releases 26,000 acres of current wilderness study areas to multiple use.
- ✓ **Increased Private Funding** - Supports America's National Parks by providing new means of enhancing private funding (through donor recognition and the issuance of a commemorative coin to recognize the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service in 2016).
- ✓ **Private Property Protections** - Ensures that no private property can be condemned in land designations.