



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON  
**NATURAL RESOURCES**  
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**Date:** February 7, 2023  
**Subject:** Full Committee Meeting - Consideration of Authorization and Oversight Plan for the 118th Congress

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The Natural Resources Committee will meet on **Tuesday, February 7, 2023, at 10:15 a.m.** in room 1324 Longworth House Office Building. The Committee will consider the Authorization and Oversight Plan for the 118th Congress.

Member offices are requested to notify Madeline Bryant ([Madeline.Bryant@mail.house.gov](mailto:Madeline.Bryant@mail.house.gov)) by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, February 6, 2023, if their Member intends to participate in the hearing.

## **I. KEY MESSAGES & TOP LINE ACTIONS**

- Members should plan to be in the hearing room or nearby for the entirety of the meeting. Electronically recorded votes are anticipated.
- Staff anticipates that the Authorization and Oversight Plan for the 118th Congress will move under regular order. Minority amendments and roll call votes on both amendments and adoption of the Authorization and Oversight Plan, are expected.

## **II. AUTHORIZATION AND OVERSIGHT PLAN FOR THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES – 118TH CONGRESS**

The Committee on Natural Resources (Committee) will consider the Authorization and Oversight Plan. Under clause 2 of Rule X of the House of Representatives, the Committee has general oversight responsibilities to determine whether laws and programs addressing subjects within its jurisdiction are being implemented and carried out in accordance with congressional intent.

Pursuant to clause 2(d)(1) of Rule X of the House of Representatives, the Committee is required to adopt an Authorization and Oversight Plan for the 118th Congress. The Committee must adopt the Authorization and Oversight Plan no later than March 1 of the first session of each Congress. Upon adoption, the Committee is required to submit the Authorization and Oversight Plan to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability and the Committee on House Administration.

The Committee will conduct rigorous oversight of the Executive Branch to strengthen America's environment and economy, promote access to public lands and natural resources, and enhance conservation through innovation. The Committee will review all laws and programs within its jurisdiction to assess their application, administration, execution, and effectiveness while providing transparency and accountability. Through such examination, the Committee seeks to eliminate waste, fraud, abuse, and mismanagement.

Congress has a responsibility to hold the Executive Branch accountable to the American people and ensure decisions by agencies are open and transparent. The Authorization and Oversight Plan identifies agencies and programs with lapsed authorizations that received appropriations in the previous fiscal year and agencies or programs with permanent authorizations that have not been subject to a comprehensive review in the prior three Congresses. The Authorization and Oversight Plan outlines the initial and primary focuses of the Committee. Additional oversight activities are expected to arise throughout the first and second sessions of the 118th Congress.

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