

Environment & Energy Congressional Round-Up | February 17 - February 21, 2025

Highlights:

Reps. Doug LaMalfa (R-Calif.) and Mike Thompson (D-Calif.) reintroduced the *Pacific Flyway Habitat Enhancement Act* ([H.R.1420](#)). The bill would [allow](#) new agricultural lands in California to be enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program. The program incentivizes farmers to flood their fields in the off season, which both supports wetland species and improves soil productivity. EESI's briefing, [Conservation Practices from Farms to Forests and Wetlands](#), explores the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program and other opportunities to promote climate-smart conservation.

Sens. Ben Ray Lujan (D-N.M.) and Dan Sullivan (R-Alaska) reintroduced the *Regional Leadership in Wildland Fire Research Act* ([S.647](#)) to establish wildland fire research centers at universities across the country. Specifically, the centers would work to develop region-specific modelling and technology to support community fire management. EESI explores other wildfire risk and management tools on [this](#) episode of *the Climate Conversation* podcast.

Sen. Michael Bennet (D-Colo.) and Rep. Jason Crow (D-Colo.) reintroduced the *Protect the West Act* ([S.670/H.R.1459](#)). If passed into law, the bill would initiate a suite of restoration funding efforts, [including](#) funding for forests and watershed restoration, invasive species removal, wildfire risk reduction, drought resilience, and improved outdoor access — creating millions of jobs in the process.

Reps. Mikie Sherrill (D-N.J.) and David Joyce (R-Ohio) reintroduced the *Building Native Habitats and Federal Facilities Act* ([H.R.1500](#)) to [promote](#) the incorporation of native plant species into landscaping planning for federal buildings. Under this bill, increased use of native vegetation would support their survival and that of pollinators and wildlife that rely on them, as well as provide ecosystem services such as flood mitigation.

February 21, 2025

House:

Bills Introduced:

[H.R.1449](#)

To direct the Secretary of Energy to carry out a grant program to improve the energy resilience, energy democracy, and security of communities, prioritizing environmental justice communities, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Barragán, Nanette Diaz \[Rep.-D-CA-44\]](#) Cosponsors: (30)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Science, Space, and Technology

Latest Action: House - 02/21/2025 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker

[H.R.1453](#)

To amend the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to require reporting regarding clean energy demonstration projects, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Carey, Mike \[Rep.-R-OH-15\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Science, Space, and Technology

Latest Action: House - 02/21/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

[H.R.1459](#)

Protect the West Act

Sponsor: [Crow, Jason \[Rep.-D-CO-6\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Agriculture; Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 02/21/2025 Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker

[H.R.1462](#)

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to disallow the production tax credit and investment tax credit for offshore wind facilities placed in service in the inland navigable waters of the United States or the coastal waters of the United States.

Sponsor: [Fallon, Pat \[Rep.-R-TX-4\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Ways and Means

Latest Action: House - 02/21/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

[H.R.1472](#)

To redesignate land within certain wilderness study areas in the State of Wyoming, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Hageman, Harriet M. \[Rep.-R-WY-At Large\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 02/21/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.R.1474](#)

To provide for advocacy of support for nuclear energy, and establish a nuclear energy assistance trust fund, at the World Bank, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and other international financial institutions, as appropriate, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Hill, J. French \[Rep.-R-AR-2\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Financial Services

Latest Action: House - 02/21/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Financial Services.

[H.R.1482](#)

To amend the Northwestern New Mexico Rural Water Projects Act to make improvements to that Act, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Leger Fernandez, Teresa \[Rep.-D-NM-3\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 02/21/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.R.1484](#)

To direct the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to enter into appropriate arrangements with the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine to provide for a report on the health impacts of air traffic noise and pollution, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Lynch, Stephen F. \[Rep.-D-MA-8\]](#) Cosponsors: (11)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 02/21/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

[H.R.1496](#)

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish a credit for the domestic production of high-performance rare earth magnets, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Reschenthaler, Guy \[Rep.-R-PA-14\]](#) Cosponsors: (13)

Committees: House - Ways and Means

Latest Action: House - 02/21/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

[H.R.1499](#)

To amend the Grand Ronde Reservation Act to address the hunting, fishing, trapping, and animal gathering rights of the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Salinas, Andrea \[Rep.-D-OR-6\]](#) Cosponsors: (3)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 02/21/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

H.R.1500

To require the priority and consideration of using native plants in Federal projects, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sherrill, Mikie \[Rep.-D-NJ-11\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Oversight and Government Reform

Latest Action: House - 02/21/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

H.R.1501

To amend the FAST Act to include certain mineral production activities as a covered project, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Shreve, Jefferson \[Rep.-R-IN-6\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 02/21/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

H.R.1513

To repeal programs relating to funding for electric vehicle charging infrastructure, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Wied, Tony \[Rep.-R-WI-8\]](#) Cosponsors: (10)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure; Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 02/21/2025 Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker

H.J.Res.60

Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the National Park Service relating to "Glen Canyon National Recreation Area: Motor Vehicles".

Sponsor: [Maloy, Celeste \[Rep.-R-UT-2\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 02/21/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

Senate:

Passed Senate:

[S.Res.89](#)

A resolution expressing support for the designation of February 15 through February 22, 2025, as "National FFA Week", recognizing the important role of the National FFA Organization in developing the next generation of leaders who will change the world, and celebrating the 90th anniversary of New Farmers of America and the 75th anniversary of the Future Farmers of America Federal charter.

Sponsor: [Young, Todd \[Sen.-R-IN\]](#) Cosponsors: (51)

Latest Action: Senate - 02/21/2025 Submitted in the Senate, considered, and agreed to without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimous Consent.

February 20, 2025

House:

The House of Representatives did not meet today.

Senate:

Bills Introduced:

[S.643](#)

A bill to amend the Grand Ronde Reservation Act to address the hunting, fishing, trapping, and animal gathering rights of the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Merkley, Jeff \[Sen.-D-OR\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Indian Affairs

Latest Action: Senate - 02/20/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

[S.647](#)

Regional Leadership in Wildland Fire Research Act

Sponsor: [Lujan, Ben Ray \[Sen.-D-NM\]](#) Cosponsors: (3)

Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Latest Action: Senate - 02/20/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

[S.651](#)

A bill to repeal programs relating to funding for electric vehicle charging infrastructure, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Ernst, Joni \[Sen.-R-IA\]](#) Cosponsors: (2)

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 02/20/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

[S.670](#)

Protect the West Act

Sponsor: [Bennet, Michael F. \[Sen.-D-CO\]](#) Cosponsors: (4)

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 02/20/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

[S.673](#)

A bill to amend the Miccosukee Reserved Area Act to authorize the expansion of the Miccosukee Reserved Area and to carry out activities to protect structures within the Osceola Camp from flooding, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Scott, Rick \[Sen.-R-FL\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: Senate - Indian Affairs

Latest Action: Senate - 02/20/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

[S.680](#)

A bill to prohibit funding for the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change until China is no longer defined as a developing country.

Sponsor: [Barrasso, John \[Sen.-R-WY\]](#) Cosponsors: (7)

Committees: Senate - Foreign Relations

Latest Action: Senate - 02/20/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

[S.681](#)

A bill to redesignate land within certain wilderness study areas in the State of Wyoming, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Barrasso, John \[Sen.-R-WY\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 02/20/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Committee Hearings:

RESEARCH SECURITY RISKS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a [hearing](#) to examine research security risks posed by foreign nationals from countries of risk working at the Department of Energy's National Laboratories and necessary mitigation steps, after receiving testimony from Paul M. Dabbar, Columbia University Center on Global Energy, Scarsdale, New York; Geraldine Richmond, University of Oregon, Eugene; and Anna B. Puglisi, Stanford University Hoover Institution, Washington, D.C.

February 19, 2025

The House of Representatives did not meet today.

Senate:

Bills Introduced:

[S.629](#)

A bill to amend the Agricultural Credit Act of 1978 to remove barriers to agricultural producers in accessing funds to carry out emergency measures under the emergency conservation program, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Fischer, Deb \[Sen.-R-NE\]](#) Cosponsors: (2)

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 02/19/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

[S.637](#)

A bill to amend the Northwestern New Mexico Rural Water Projects Act to make improvements to that Act, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Lujan, Ben Ray \[Sen.-D-NM\]](#) Cosponsors: (2)

Committees: Senate - Indian Affairs

Latest Action: Senate - 02/19/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

[S.640](#)

A bill to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to make a technical correction to the Navajo Nation Water Resources Development Trust Fund, to amend the Claims Resolution Act of 2010 to make technical corrections to the Taos Pueblo Water Development Fund and Aamodt Settlement Pueblos' Fund, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Lujan, Ben Ray \[Sen.-D-NM\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Indian Affairs

Latest Action: Senate - 02/19/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

[S.642](#)

A bill to provide compensation to the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community for the taking without just compensation of land by the United States inside the exterior boundaries of the L'Anse Indian Reservation that were guaranteed to the Community under a treaty signed in 1854, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Peters, Gary C. \[Sen.-D-MI\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Indian Affairs

Latest Action: Senate - 02/19/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Committee Hearings:

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW AND PERMITTING PROCESSES

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a [hearing](#) to examine improving the Federal environmental review and permitting processes, after receiving testimony from Jeremy Harrell, ClearPath, Inc., and Brent Booker, Laborers' International Union of North America, both of Washington, D.C.; Leah Pilconis, The Associated General Contractors of America, Arlington, Virginia; Carl Harris, National Association of Home Builders, Wichita, Kansas; and Nicole Pavia, Clean Air Task Force, Boston, Massachusetts.

February 18, 2025

House:

Bills Introduced:

[H.R.1412](#)

To amend the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to establish additional Federal standards that require electric and gas utilities to transmit to each of its consumers information regarding the consumption of electric energy or gas, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Gottheimer, Josh \[Rep.-D-NJ-5\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 02/18/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

[H.R.1415](#)

To prohibit the Environmental Protection Agency from using assessments generated by the Integrated Risk Information System for rulemakings and other regulatory actions, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Grothman, Glenn \[Rep.-R-WI-6\]](#) Cosponsors: (3)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Agriculture; Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 02/18/2025 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Agriculture, and Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker.

[H.R.1420](#)

Pacific Flyway Habitat Enhancement Act

Sponsor: [LaMalfa, Doug \[Rep.-R-CA-1\]](#) Cosponsors: (5)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 02/18/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

[H.R.1429](#)

To expand the mission of the National Park Service to include active use of System units located in urban areas, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Norton, Eleanor Holmes \[Del.-D-DC-At Large\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 02/18/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.R.1444](#)

To approve the settlement of water rights claims of the Zuni Indian Tribe in the Zuni River Stream System in the State of New Mexico, to protect the Zuni Salt Lake, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Vasquez, Gabe \[Rep.-D-NM-2\]](#) Cosponsors: (2)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 02/18/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

Senate:

Bills Introduced:

[S.613](#)

A bill to require the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere to maintain the National Mesonet Program, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Schatz, Brian \[Sen.-D-HI\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Latest Action: Senate - 02/18/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

[S.618](#)

A bill to prohibit the purchase or lease of agricultural land in the United States by persons associated with certain foreign governments, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Tuberville, Tommy \[Sen.-R-AL\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 02/18/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

[S.622](#)

A bill to amend the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Reservation Restoration Act to provide for the transfer of additional Federal land to the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Smith, Tina \[Sen.-D-MN\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Indian Affairs

Latest Action: Senate - 02/18/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

S.623

A bill to prohibit the Environmental Protection Agency from using assessments generated by the Integrated Risk Information System as a tier 1 data source in rulemakings and other regulatory, enforcement, or permitting actions, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Kennedy, John \[Sen.-R-LA\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 02/18/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

February 17, 2025

The House and Senate did not meet today.