

Environment & Energy Congressional Round-Up | January 27, 2025 - January 31, 2025

Highlights:

Sen. Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.), alongside Sens. Sheldon Whitehouse (D-R.I.) and John Boozman (R-Ark.), introduced the *Strategies to Eliminate Waste and Accelerate Recycling Development (STEWARD) Act of 2025* ([S.351](#)). The bill aims to establish a pilot grant program under the Environmental Protection Agency to improve upon and expand domestic recycling efforts, particularly in rural and underserved areas. The *STEWARD Act* would also require the agency to collect and report data on domestic recycling and composting rates.

Rep. Mike Thompson (D-Calif.) and Sen. Jeff Merkley (D-Ore.) introduced the *Smoke and Heat Ready Communities Act* ([H.R.903/S.341](#)) to protect communities from the health, environmental, and economic impacts of wildfires and extreme heat. Specifically, the bill would [establish](#) a grant program for early detection, communication, and mitigation of these impacts at the state level. EESI's Living with Climate Change briefings on [wildfires](#) and [extreme heat](#) discuss policy solutions for reducing risk.

Sens. Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.) and Lisa Blunt Rochester (D-Del.) reintroduced the *Brownfields Reauthorization Act of 2025* ([S.347](#)) to reauthorize funding for the brownfield revitalization program, which facilitates the remediation and redevelopment of contaminated legacy industrial sites. In the House, Reps. Mikie Sherrill (D-N.J.) and Michael Turner (R-Ohio) reintroduced the *Brownfields Redevelopment Tax Incentive Reauthorization Act* ([H.R.815](#)). The bill would reauthorize a currently-expired tax credit to [incentivize](#) developers to remediate and repurpose contaminated properties.

Sen. Maria Cantwell (D-Wash.) and bipartisan cosponsors reintroduced the *Fire Ready Nation Act* ([S.306](#)). If passed, the bill would [establish](#) a Fire Weather Services program within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and authorize funding for the development of innovative wildfire forecasting technologies.

January 31, 2025

House:

Bills Introduced:

[H.R.831](#)

To establish an interest-bearing account for the non-Federal contributions to the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Calvert, Ken \[Rep.-R-CA-41\]](#) Cosponsors: (4)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 01/31/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.R.836](#)

Emergency Wildfire Fighting Technology Act of 2025

Sponsor: [Valadao, David G. \[Rep.-R-CA-22\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Natural Resources; Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 01/31/2025 Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker.

[H.R.837](#)

To require the Secretary of Agriculture to convey the Pleasant Valley Ranger District Administrative Site to Gila County, Arizona.

Sponsor: [Crane, Elijah \[Rep.-R-AZ-2\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 01/31/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.R.839](#)

To prohibit the implementation of a Land Protection Plan for Muleshoe National Wildlife Refuge.

Sponsor: [Arrington, Jodey C. \[Rep.-R-TX-19\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 01/31/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.R.840](#)

To provide that the final rule of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service titled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Endangered Species Status With Critical Habitat for Guadalupe Fatmucket, Texas Fatmucket, Guadalupe Orb, Texas Pimpleback, Balcones Spike, and False Spike, and Threatened Species

Status With Section 4(d) Rule and Critical Habitat for Texas Fawnsfoot" shall have no force or effect.

Sponsor: [Arrington, Jodey C. \[Rep.-R-TX-19\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 01/31/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources

H.R.841

To amend title 54, United States Code, to prohibit the acquisition of land, water, or an interest in land or water from a private landowner using amounts made available under the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

Sponsor: [Arrington, Jodey C. \[Rep.-R-TX-19\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 01/31/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

H.R.845

To require the Secretary of the Interior to reissue regulations removing the gray wolf from the list of endangered and threatened wildlife under the Endangered Species Act of 1973.

Sponsor: [Boebert, Lauren \[Rep.-R-CO-4\]](#) Cosponsors: (31)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 01/31/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

H.R.848

To direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a voluntary food climate labeling program, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Casten, Sean \[Rep.-D-IL-6\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 01/31/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

H.R.898

To develop pilot grant programs through the Environmental Protection Agency to research and collect data on aircraft and airport noise and emissions and to use such information and data to develop a mitigation strategy, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Smith, Adam \[Rep.-D-WA-9\]](#) Cosponsors: (6)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 01/31/2025 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker.

H.R.900

To direct the Director of the United States Geological Survey to establish a program to map zones that are at greater risk of sinkhole formation, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Soto, Darren \[Rep.-D-FL-9\]](#) Cosponsors: (4)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 01/31/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

H.R.903

Smoke and Heat Ready Communities Act

Sponsor: [Thompson, Mike \[Rep.-D-CA-4\]](#) Cosponsors: (13)

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

Latest Action: House - 01/31/2025 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.907

To provide for the settlement of the water rights claims of the Fort Belknap Indian Community, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Zinke, Ryan K. \[Rep.-R-MT-1\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 01/31/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

Senate:

The Senate did not meet today.

January 30, 2025

House:

The House did not meet today.

Senate:

Bills Introduced:

[S.341](#)

Smoke and Heat Ready Communities Act

Sponsor: [Merkley, Jeff \[Sen.-D-OR\]](#) Cosponsors: (6)

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 01/30/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

[S.347](#)

Brownfields Reauthorization Act of 2025

Sponsor: [Capito, Shelley Moore \[Sen.-R-WV\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 01/30/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

[S.349](#)

A bill to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to permit removal of trees around electrical lines on National Forest System land without conducting a timber sale, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Padilla, Alex \[Sen.-D-CA\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 01/30/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

[S.350](#)

A bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to select and implement landscape-scale forest restoration projects, to assist communities in increasing their resilience to wildfire, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Padilla, Alex \[Sen.-D-CA\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 01/30/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

[S.351](#)

Strategies to Eliminate Waste and Accelerate Recycling Development (STEWARD) Act of 2025

Sponsor: [Capito, Shelley Moore \[Sen.-R-WV\]](#) Cosponsors: (2)

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 01/30/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

January 29, 2025

House:

The House did not meet today.

Senate:

Bills Introduced:

S.290

A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to upgrade existing emergency communications centers in units of the National Park System to Next Generation 9-1-1 systems, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Barrasso, John \[Sen.-R-WY\]](#) Cosponsors: (3)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 01/29/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (text: CR [S481-482](#))

S.291

A bill to establish an interest-bearing account for the non-Federal contributions to the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Padilla, Alex \[Sen.-D-CA\]](#) Cosponsors: (4)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 01/29/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR [S482](#))

S.296

A bill to make certain modifications to the repayment for the Arkansas Valley Conduit in the State of Colorado.

Sponsor: [Bennet, Michael F. \[Sen.-D-CO\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 01/29/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

[S.306](#)

A bill to establish and maintain a coordinated program within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration that improves wildfire, fire weather, fire risk, and wildfire smoke related forecasting, detection, modeling, observations, and service delivery, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Cantwell, Maria \[Sen.-D-WA\]](#) Cosponsors: (7)

Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Latest Action: Senate - 01/29/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

[S.316](#)

A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to reissue a final rule relating to removing the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem population of grizzly bears from the Federal list of endangered and threatened wildlife, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Lummis, Cynthia M. \[Sen.-R-WY\]](#) Cosponsors: (5)

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 01/29/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

[S.319](#)

A bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to review the Cattle Fever Tick Eradication Program, and for other programs.

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

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 01/29/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

[S.320](#)

A bill to authorize the Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act of 1977, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Padilla, Alex \[Sen.-D-CA\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Latest Action: Senate - 01/29/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

S.322

A bill to improve the lead time, accuracy, and dissemination of forecasts of atmospheric rivers throughout the United States, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Padilla, Alex \[Sen.-D-CA\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Latest Action: Senate - 01/29/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR [S484-485](#))

S.324

A bill to require the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere to carry out pilot projects relating to improved subseasonal to seasonal forecasting in agriculture and water management, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rosen, Jacky \[Sen.-D-NV\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Latest Action: Senate - 01/29/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

S.325

A bill to reduce health risks of heat by establishing the National Integrated Heat Health Information System within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the National Integrated Heat Health Information System Interagency Committee to improve extreme heat preparedness, planning, and response, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Markey, Edward J. \[Sen.-D-MA\]](#) Cosponsors: (2)

Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Latest Action: Senate - 01/29/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

January 28, 2025

House:

Bills Introduced:

[H.R.745](#)

To direct the Director of the Bureau of Land Management and the Chief of the United States Forest Service to conduct a study of onshore mineral values and the Director of the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management to conduct a study of offshore mineral values.

Sponsor: [Arrington, Jodey C. \[Rep.-R-TX-19\]](#) Cosponsors: (4)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 01/28/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.R.752](#)

To provide for methane emission detection and mitigation, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Casten, Sean \[Rep.-D-IL-6\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Science, Space, and Technology

Latest Action: House - 01/28/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

[H.R.753](#)

Fire Information and Reaction Enhancement (FIRE) Act

Sponsor: [Chu, Judy \[Rep.-D-CA-28\]](#) Cosponsors: (2)

Committees: House - Science, Space, and Technology

Latest Action: House - 01/28/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

[H.R.755](#)

To amend the Energy Act of 2020 to include critical materials in the definition of critical mineral, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Ciscomani, Juan \[Rep.-R-AZ-6\]](#) Cosponsors: (10)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 01/28/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.R.760](#)

To make certain repairs, replacements, and restorations of private roads and bridges eligible for reimbursement under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Edwards, Chuck \[Rep.-R-NC-11\]](#) Cosponsors: (2)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 01/28/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

[H.R.766](#)

To amend the Public Health Service Act to require the Secretary to award grants, contracts, or cooperative agreements to eligible entities to establish, maintain, or improve activities related to the detection and monitoring of infectious diseases through wastewater for public health emergency preparedness and response purposes, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Garcia, Robert \[Rep.-D-CA-42\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 01/28/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce

[H.R.773](#)

To amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to repeal certain provisions relating to the acceptance and use of contributions for public-private partnerships, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 01/28/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

[H.R.774](#)

To limit the ability of the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to penalize an owner of livestock for grazing by such livestock on certain Federal lands on which grazing is permitted on or after the date of enactment of this Act and subsequently prohibited, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: House - Natural Resources; Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 01/28/2025 Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker

[H.R.775](#)

To ensure that there is no net gain in Federal land ownership in any fiscal year, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: House - Natural Resources; Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 01/28/2025 Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker

[H.R.776](#)

To reauthorize the Nutria Eradication and Control Act of 2003.

Sponsor: [Harder, Josh \[Rep.-D-CA-9\]](#) Cosponsors: (2)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 01/28/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.R.802](#)

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to add qualified semiconductor design expenditures to the advanced manufacturing investment credit.

Sponsor: [Moore, Blake D. \[Rep.-R-UT-1\]](#) Cosponsors: (13)

Committees: House - Ways and Means

Latest Action: House - 01/28/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

[H.R.804](#)

To require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to improve access to disaster assistance for individuals located in rural areas, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Morrison, Kelly \[Rep.-D-MN-3\]](#) Cosponsors: (3)

Committees: House - Small Business

Latest Action: House - 01/28/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Small Business.

[H.R.815](#)

Brownfields Redevelopment Tax Incentive Reauthorization Act

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

Committees: House - Ways and Means

Latest Action: House - 01/28/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

[H.R.827](#)

To ensure the availability and affordability of homeowners' insurance coverage for catastrophic events.

Sponsor: [Wilson, Frederica S. \[Rep.-D-FL-24\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Financial Services

Latest Action: House - 01/28/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Financial Services.

[H.Res.71](#)

Condemning the Government of Mexico for failing to fulfill its water deliveries on an annual basis to the United States under the treaty between the United States and Mexico regarding the utilization of the Colorado and Tijuana Rivers and of the Rio Grande.

Sponsor: [De La Cruz, Monica \[Rep.-R-TX-15\]](#) Cosponsors: (6)

Committees: House - Foreign Affairs

Latest Action: House - 01/28/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Senate:

Bills Introduced:

[S.270](#)

A bill to establish a Commission on Federal Natural Disaster Resilience and Recovery to examine and recommend reforms to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Federal Government's approach to natural disaster resilience and recovery, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Lankford, James \[Sen.-R-OK\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: Senate - Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Latest Action: Senate - 01/28/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

[S.282](#)

A bill to provide greater regional access to the Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument in the State of Maine, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [King, Angus S., Jr. \[Sen.-I-ME\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 01/28/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

[S.283](#)

A bill to require the Under Secretary of Commerce for Standards and Technology and the Administrator of National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to develop a standard methodology for identifying the country of origin of seafood

to support enforcement against illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Cruz, Ted \[Sen.-R-TX\]](#) Cosponsors: (3)

Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Latest Action: Senate - 01/28/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

January 27, 2025

House:

The House of Representatives did not meet today.

Senate:

Bills Introduced:

S.257

Promoting Resilient Supply Chains Act of 2025

Sponsor: [Cantwell, Maria \[Sen.-D-WA\]](#) Cosponsors: (2)

Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Latest Action: Senate - 01/27/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

S.258

A bill to improve forecasting and understanding of tornadoes and other hazardous weather, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Wicker, Roger F. \[Sen.-R-MS\]](#) Cosponsors: (8)

Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Latest Action: Senate - 01/27/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation