

Environment & Energy Congressional Round-Up | May 15 - May 19, 2023

Highlights:

Rep. Sean Casten (D-Ill.), Rep. Elissa Slotkin (D-Mich.), Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-Ohio), and Rep. Mike Bost (R-Ill.) reintroduced the *Conservation Opportunity and Voluntary Environment Resilience Program (COVER) Act* ([H.R.3478/S.1690](#)), a [bipartisan](#) bill that would provide a crop insurance discount to farmers choosing to plant cover crops. EESI's resources discuss the [provisions](#) of last year's *COVER Act* and the [benefits](#) of cover crops for climate change mitigation and adaptation.

The *EVs for All Act* ([H.R.3468/S.1704](#)) was reintroduced in both houses with support from 24 cosponsors. The bill would develop a grant program to [support](#) electric vehicle car sharing at public housing projects.

Sen. Martin Heinrich (D-N.Mex.) and Sen. Ben Ray Lujan (D-N.Mex.) reintroduced the *M.H. Dutch Salmon Greater Gila Wild and Scenic River Act* ([S.776](#)), which follows the House version of the bill introduced last month, [H.R.1611](#). The bill would designate portions of the river as "Wild and Scenic," which would prevent them from being dammed or diverted. EESI's [article](#), "Keeping the Gila River Wild for People and the Planet," dives deeper into the importance of this designation for the Gila.

The House Committee on Agriculture held a [hearing](#) to review the national forest system, with a focus on managing wildfires and supporting forest health. EESI tracks the climate, environment, and energy highlights of all the 2023 Farm Bill hearings [here](#).

May 19, 2023

House:

Committee Action:

[H.R.3468](#)

To direct the Secretary of Energy to establish a grant program to facilitate electric vehicle sharing services operated at public housing projects, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 05/19/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.

[H.R.3490](#)

To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act to authorize grants for smart water infrastructure technology, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Gallego, Ruben \[Rep.-D-AZ-3\]](#)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure; Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 05/19/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.

[H.R.3500](#)

To expedite completion of the Mountain Valley Pipeline, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Joyce, John \[Rep.-R-PA-13\]](#)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure; Natural Resources; Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 05/19/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials.

Senate:

Committee Action:

There was no environmental or energy related action in the Senate.

May 18, 2023

House:

Committee Action:

[H.R.3410](#)

To amend the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 to modify a provision relating to acquisition of beach fill.

Sponsor: [Diaz-Balart, Mario \[Rep.-R-FL-26\]](#)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 05/18/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.

[H.R.3447](#)

To amend title 23, United States Code, to authorize a hydrogen powered vehicle to exceed certain weight limits on the Interstate Highway System, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Stanton, Greg \[Rep.-D-AZ-4\]](#)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 05/18/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.

[H.R.3457](#)

To direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a consortium relating to exposures to toxic substances and identifying chemicals that are safe to use.

Sponsor: [Lofgren, Zoe \[Rep.-D-CA-18\]](#)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 05/18/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

[H.R.3468](#)

To direct the Secretary of Energy to establish a grant program to facilitate electric vehicle sharing services operated at public housing projects, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 05/18/2023 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.3478](#)

To amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act to establish a Good Steward Cover Crop program, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 05/18/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

[H.R.3487](#)

To expand an advanced nuclear technologies Federal financial assistance program to provide assistance to support licensing and construction of advanced nuclear reactors and associated supply chain infrastructure, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Donalds, Byron \[Rep.-R-FL-19\]](#)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Science, Space, and Technology
Latest Action: House - 05/18/2023 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.3488](#)

To amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to reinstate the ban on the export of crude oil and natural gas produced in the United States, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Espaillet, Adriano \[Rep.-D-NY-13\]](#)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 05/18/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

[H.R.3490](#)

To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act to authorize grants for smart water infrastructure technology, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Gallego, Ruben \[Rep.-D-AZ-3\]](#)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure; Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 05/18/2023 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.R.3494](#)

To create dedicated funds to conserve butterflies in North America, plants in the Pacific Islands, freshwater mussels in the United States, and desert fish in the Southwest United States, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Grijalva, Raúl M. \[Rep.-D-AZ-7\]](#)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 05/18/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.R.3495](#)

To modify the requirements applicable to locatable minerals on public domain lands, consistent with the principles of self-initiation of mining claims, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Grijalva, Raúl M. \[Rep.-D-AZ-7\]](#)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 05/18/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.R.3499](#)

To amend title 5, United States Code, to provide direct hire authority to appoint individuals to Federal wildland firefighting and firefighting support positions in the Forest Service or the Department of the Interior, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Issa, Darrell E. \[Rep.-R-CA-48\]](#)

Committees: House - Oversight and Accountability; Natural Resources; Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 05/18/2023 Referred to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability, and in addition to the Committees on Natural Resources, and Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker

[H.R.3500](#)

To expedite completion of the Mountain Valley Pipeline, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Joyce, John \[Rep.-R-PA-13\]](#)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure; Natural Resources; Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 05/18/2023 Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committees on Natural Resources, and Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker,

[H.R.3514](#)

To provide for the inclusion of uranium on the list of critical minerals, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Lesko, Debbie \[Rep.-R-AZ-8\]](#)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 05/18/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.R.3522](#)

To amend the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 to establish emergency fireshed management areas, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: House - Agriculture; Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 05/18/2023 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.3553](#)

To establish the Office of Nuclear, Economic, Environmental, and National Security of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, accelerate the deployment of small modular nuclear reactors, ban the import of Russian nuclear material, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Wittman, Robert J. \[Rep.-R-VA-1\]](#)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Homeland Security; Armed Services

Latest Action: House - 05/18/2023 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Homeland Security, and Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker,

[H.Res.423](#)

Supporting the designation of May 19, 2023, as "Endangered Species Day".

Sponsor: [Dingell, Debbie \[Rep.-D-MI-6\]](#)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 05/18/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

Senate:

Committee Action:

[S.1685](#)

A bill to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a consortium relating to exposures to toxic substances and identifying chemicals that are safe to use.

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

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 05/18/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

[S.1690](#)

A bill to amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act to establish a Good Steward Cover Crop program, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Brown, Sherrod \[Sen.-D-OH\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 05/18/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

[S.1704](#)

A bill to direct the Secretary of Energy to establish a grant program to facilitate electric vehicle sharing services operated at public housing projects, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Booker, Cory A. \[Sen.-D-NJ\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 05/18/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

[S.1707](#)

A bill to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to reinstate the ban on the export of crude oil and natural gas produced in the United States, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: Senate - Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Latest Action: Senate - 05/18/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

[S.1708](#)

A bill to create dedicated funds to conserve butterflies in North America, plants in the Pacific Islands, freshwater mussels in the United States, and desert fish in the Southwest United States, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Blumenthal, Richard \[Sen.-D-CT\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 05/18/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

[S.1715](#)

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: [Feinstein, Dianne \[Sen.-D-CA\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 05/18/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

[S.1719](#)

A bill to amend the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 to establish emergency firehatched management areas, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Risch, James E. \[Sen.-R-ID\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 05/18/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

[S.1720](#)

A bill to provide support for energy infrastructure projects in the Indo-Pacific region, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sullivan, Dan \[Sen.-R-AK\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Foreign Relations

Latest Action: Senate - 05/18/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

[S.1740](#)

A bill to amend the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 to authorize capacity building grants for community college agriculture and natural resources programs.

Sponsor: [Hickenlooper, John W. \[Sen.-D-CO\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 05/18/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

[S.1741](#)

A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to prohibit electric vehicle original equipment manufacturers from participating in the renewable fuel program, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Grassley, Chuck \[Sen.-R-IA\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 05/18/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

[S.1742](#)

A bill to modify the requirements applicable to locatable minerals on public domain land, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Heinrich, Martin \[Sen.-D-NM\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 05/18/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

[S.1743](#)

A bill to amend the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Research Act of 1978 to modify the forest inventory and analysis program.

Sponsor: [Ossoff, Jon \[Sen.-D-GA\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 05/18/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

[S.1748](#)

A bill to require the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to reform the interregional transmission planning process, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Heinrich, Martin \[Sen.-D-NM\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 05/18/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

May 17, 2023

House:

Committee Action:

[H.R.3397](#)

To require the Director of the Bureau of Land Management to withdraw a rule of the Bureau of Land Management relating to conservation and landscape health.

Sponsor: [Curtis, John R. \[Rep.-R-UT-3\]](#)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 05/17/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.R.3424](#)

To amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to require the Secretary of Agriculture to establish the forest conservation easement program, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Kelly, Trent \[Rep.-R-MS-1\]](#)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 05/17/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

[H.R.3425](#)

To amend the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 to authorize capacity building grants for community college agriculture and natural resources programs.

Sponsor: [Kelly, Trent \[Rep.-R-MS-1\]](#)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 05/17/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

[H.R.3437](#)

To provide for the designation of certain wilderness areas, recreation management areas, and conservation areas in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Neguse, Joe \[Rep.-D-CO-2\]](#)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 05/17/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.R.3439](#)

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: [Panetta, Jimmy \[Rep.-D-CA-19\]](#)

Committees: House - Agriculture; Natural Resources; Energy and Commerce; Education and the Workforce

Latest Action: House - 05/17/2023 Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committees on Natural Resources, Energy and Commerce, and Education and the Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker

Committee Meetings:

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a markup on [H. Con. Res. 34](#), expressing disapproval of the withdrawal by the Secretary of the Interior of approximately 225,504 acres of National Forest System lands in Cook, Lake, and Saint Louis Counties, Minnesota, from disposition under the United States mineral and geothermal leasing laws; [H.R. 3195](#), the ``Superior National Forest Restoration Act''; [H.R. 2989](#), the ``Save Our Sequoias Act''; [H.R. 200](#), the ``FIR Act''; [H.R. 1586](#), the ``Forest Protection and Wildland Firefighter Safety Act of 2023''; [H.R. 359](#), the ``Fort San Geronimo Preservation Act''; [H.R. 886](#), the ``Save Our Seas 2.0 Amendments Act''; and [H.R. 663](#), the ``Native American Child Protection Act''. [H. Con. Res. 34](#) and [H.R.](#)

[359](#) were ordered reported, without amendment. [H.R. 3195](#), [H.R. 2989](#), [H.R. 200](#), [H.R. 1586](#), [H.R. 886](#), and [H.R. 663](#) were ordered reported, as amended.

DRIVING BAD POLICY: EXAMINING EPA'S TAILPIPE EMISSIONS RULES AND THE REALITIES OF A RAPID ELECTRIC VEHICLE TRANSITION

Committee on Oversight and Accountability: Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Energy Policy, and Regulatory Affairs held a hearing entitled "Driving Bad Policy: Examining EPA's Tailpipe Emissions Rules and the Realities of a Rapid Electric Vehicle Transition". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Senate:

Committee Action:

[S.452](#)

Nuclear Fuel Security Act of 2023

Sponsor: [Manchin, Joe, III \[Sen.-D-WV\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 05/17/2023 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Ordered to be reported with an amendment favorably.

[S.534](#)

Buffalo Tract Protection Act

Sponsor: [Heinrich, Martin \[Sen.-D-NM\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 05/17/2023 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.

[S.535](#)

Bureau of Land Management Mineral Spacing Act

Sponsor: [Hoeven, John \[Sen.-R-ND\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 05/17/2023 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.

[S.593](#)

Cerro de la Olla Wilderness Establishment Act

Sponsor: [Heinrich, Martin \[Sen.-D-NM\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 05/17/2023 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.

[S.612](#)

Lake Tahoe Restoration Reauthorization Act

Sponsor: [Cortez Masto, Catherine \[Sen.-D-NV\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 05/17/2023 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.

[S.706](#)

Ruby Mountains Protection Act

Sponsor: [Cortez Masto, Catherine \[Sen.-D-NV\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 05/17/2023 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.

[S.736](#)

Chiricahua National Park Act

Sponsor: [Kelly, Mark \[Sen.-D-AZ\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 05/17/2023 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.

[S.776](#)

M.H. Dutch Salmon Greater Gila Wild and Scenic River Act

Sponsor: [Heinrich, Martin \[Sen.-D-NM\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 05/17/2023 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.

[S.843](#)

A bill to amend the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to authorize the use of funds for certain additional CARES Act projects, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Risch, James E. \[Sen.-R-ID\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 05/17/2023 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.

[S.1540](#)

A bill to amend the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act of 1974 and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 to provide for

circumstances under which reinitiation of consultation is not required under a land and resource management plan or land use plan under those Acts, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Daines, Steve \[Sen.-R-MT\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 05/17/2023 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.

[S.1634](#)

A bill to provide for the designation of certain wilderness areas, recreation management areas, and conservation areas in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 05/17/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on

Energy and Natural Resources.

[S.1643](#)

A bill to require the Secretary of Energy to carry out a program to provide grants and loans to support and expand the domestic solar component manufacturing supply chain, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Cortez Masto, Catherine \[Sen.-D-NV\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 05/17/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on

Energy and Natural Resources.

Committee Meetings:

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Xochitl Torres Small, of New Mexico, to be Deputy Secretary of Agriculture.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

[S. 92](#), to designate the outdoor amphitheater at the Blue Ridge Music Center in Galax, Virginia, as the ``Rick Boucher Amphitheater"; [S. 162](#), to amend the Smith River National Recreation Area Act to include certain additions to the Smith River National Recreation Area, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain wild rivers in the State of Oregon; [S. 199](#), to codify the authority of the Secretary of

Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to conduct certain landscape-scale forest restoration projects; [S. 440](#), to designate certain land administered by the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service in the State of Oregon as wilderness and national recreation areas, to withdraw certain land located in Curry County and Josephine County, Oregon, from all forms of entry, appropriation, or disposal under the public land laws, location, entry, and patent under the mining laws, and operation under the mineral leasing and geothermal leasing laws. **[S. 452](#), to require the Secretary of Energy to establish a Nuclear Fuel Security Program, expand the American Assured Fuel Supply Program, and submit a report on a civil nuclear credit program, with an amendment;** [S. 534](#), to withdraw certain Bureau of Land Management land from mineral development; **[S. 535](#), to streamline the oil and gas permitting process and to recognize fee ownership for certain oil and gas drilling or spacing units;** [S. 593](#), to amend the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act to establish the Cerro de la Olla Wilderness in the Rio Grande del Norte National Monument and to modify the boundary of the Rio Grande del Norte National Monument; [S. 612](#), to reauthorize the Lake Tahoe Restoration Act; [S. 623](#), to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to exclude certain payments to aged, blind, or disabled Alaska Natives or descendants of Alaska Natives from being used to determine eligibility for certain programs; [S. 683](#), to modify the boundary of the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument to include certain Federal land in Lake County, California; [S. 706](#), to withdraw the National Forest System land in the Ruby Mountains subdistrict of the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest and the National Wildlife Refuge System land in Ruby Lake National Wildlife Refuge, Elko and White Pine Counties, Nevada, from operation under the mineral leasing laws; [S. 736](#), to establish the Chiricahua National Park in the State of Arizona as a unit of the National Park System; [S. 776](#), to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain segments of the Gila River system in the State of New Mexico as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, to provide for the transfer of administrative jurisdiction over certain Federal land in the State of New Mexico; [S. 843](#), to amend the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to authorize the use of funds for certain additional Carey Act projects; [S. 873](#), to improve recreation opportunities on, and facilitate greater access to, Federal public land, with amendments; [S. 1260](#), to release the reversionary interest of the United States in certain non-Federal land in Salt Lake City, Utah, with an amendment; [S. 1466](#), to adjust the boundary of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area to include the Rim of the Valley Corridor; [S. 1540](#), to amend the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act of 1974 and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 to provide for circumstances under which reinitiation of consultation is not required under a land and resource management plan or land use plan under those Acts, with an amendment in the nature

of a substitute; and The nomination of David Crane, of New Jersey, to be Under Secretary, Department of Energy.

May 16, 2023

House:

Committee Action:

[H.R.3316](#)

To amend titles 46 and 49, United States Code, to streamline the environmental review process for major projects, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Crawford, Eric A. "Rick" \[Rep.-R-AR-1\]](#)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 05/16/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials.

[H.R.3358](#)

To prohibit any requirement for recipients of Federal contracts to disclose greenhouse gas emissions and climate-related financial risk, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: House - Oversight and Accountability

Latest Action: House - 05/16/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

[H.R.3377](#)

To discourage speculative oil and gas leasing and to promote enhanced multiple use management of public land and National Forest System land, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Lee, Susie \[Rep.-D-NV-3\]](#)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 05/16/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

Committee Meetings:

TO REVIEW THE NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM: SUPPORTING FOREST HEALTH AND CONFRONTING THE WILDFIRE CRISIS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Forestry held a hearing entitled ``To Review the National Forest System: Supporting Forest Health and Confronting the Wildfire Crisis''. Testimony was heard from Randy Moore, Chief, U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy, Climate, and Grid Security held a markup on [H.R. 1042](#), the ``Prohibiting Russian Uranium Imports Act''; [H.R. 1640](#), the ``Save Our Gas Stoves Act''; and [H.R. 3277](#), the ``Energy Emergency Leadership Act''. [H.R. 3277](#) and [H.R. 1640](#) were forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment. [H.R. 1042](#) was forwarded to the full Committee, as amended.

EXAMINING THE CHALLENGES FACING FOREST MANAGEMENT, WILDFIRE SUPPRESSION, AND WILDLAND FIREFIGHTERS AHEAD OF THE 2023 WILDFIRE YEAR

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Federal Lands held a hearing entitled ``Examining the Challenges Facing Forest Management, Wildfire Suppression, and Wildland Firefighters Ahead of the 2023 Wildfire Year''. Testimony was heard from Jaelith Hall-Rivera, Deputy Chief, State and Private Forestry, U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Jeff Rupert, Director, Office of Wildland Fire, Department of the Interior; Greg Bolin, Mayor, Paradise, California; and public witnesses.

THE NEXT FIFTY YEARS OF THE CLEAN WATER ACT: EXAMINING THE LAW AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT COMPLETION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing entitled ``The Next Fifty Years of the Clean Water Act: Examining the Law and Infrastructure Project Completion''. Testimony was heard from Andrea J. Travnicek, Director, Department of Water Resources, North Dakota; Serena Coleman McIlwain, Secretary of the Environment, Maryland; and public witnesses.

Senate:

Committee Action:

[S.1622](#)

A bill to discourage speculative oil and gas leasing and to promote enhanced multiple use management of public land and National Forest System land, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Cortez Masto, Catherine \[Sen.-D-NV\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 05/16/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Committee Meetings:

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE BUDGET

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2024 for the Fish and Wildlife Service, after receiving testimony from Martha Williams, Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior.

WATER MANAGEMENT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure concluded a hearing to examine perspectives on new and existing Army Corps of Engineers authorities to respond to water management issues including drought and water conservation, after receiving testimony from Andrea Travnicek, North Dakota Department of Water Resources Director, Bismarck; Stephanie Roe Lewis, Gila River Indian Community, Arizona; Leslie A. Meyers, Salt River Project, Tempe, Arizona; Christy Plumer, Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership, Washington, D.C.; and Jennifer L. Verleger, Western States Water Council, Murray, Utah.

May 15, 2023

House:

Committee Action:

[H.R.2262](#)

To provide for a limitation on availability of funds for US Department of Agriculture, Office of the Under Secretary for Farm Production and Conservation for fiscal year 2024.

Sponsor: [Biggs, Andy \[Rep.-R-AZ-5\]](#)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 05/15/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation, Research, and Biotechnology.

[H.R.2266](#)

To provide for a limitation on availability of funds for US Department of Agriculture, Grassroots Source Water Protection Program for fiscal year 2024.

Sponsor: [Biggs, Andy \[Rep.-R-AZ-5\]](#)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 05/15/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation, Research, and Biotechnology.

[H.R.2268](#)

To provide for a limitation on availability of funds for US Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Conservation Operations for fiscal year 2024.

Sponsor: [Biggs, Andy \[Rep.-R-AZ-5\]](#)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 05/15/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation, Research, and Biotechnology.

[H.R.2270](#)

To provide for a limitation on availability of funds for US Department of Agriculture, Watershed Rehabilitation Program for fiscal year 2024.

Sponsor: [Biggs, Andy \[Rep.-R-AZ-5\]](#)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 05/15/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation, Research, and Biotechnology.

[H.R.2282](#)

To provide for a limitation on availability of funds for US Department of Agriculture, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, Rural Energy for America Program for fiscal year 2024.

Sponsor: [Biggs, Andy \[Rep.-R-AZ-5\]](#)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 05/15/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Commodity Markets, Digital Assets, and Rural Development.

[H.R.2284](#)

To provide for a limitation on availability of funds for US Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Service, Rural Electrification and Telecommunications Loans Program Account for fiscal year 2024.

Sponsor: [Biggs, Andy \[Rep.-R-AZ-5\]](#)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 05/15/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Commodity Markets, Digital Assets, and Rural Development.

[H.R.2719](#)

Conservation and Innovative Climate Partnership Act of 2023

Sponsor: [Newhouse, Dan \[Rep.-R-WA-4\]](#)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 05/15/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation, Research, and Biotechnology.

[H.R.2786](#)

Climate Change Relief for Urban Areas Act of 2023

Sponsor: [Schiff, Adam B. \[Rep.-D-CA-30\]](#)

Committees: House - Agriculture; Education and the Workforce

Latest Action: House - 05/15/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Nutrition, Foreign Agriculture, and Horticulture.

[H.R.3288](#)

To provide that a project for the collocation of a telecommunications service facility is not subject to requirements to prepare certain environmental or historical preservation reviews.

Sponsor: [Joyce, John \[Rep.-R-PA-13\]](#)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 05/15/2023 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker

[H.R.3289](#)

To provide that a project for the collocation of a personal wireless service facility is not subject to requirements to prepare certain environmental or historical preservation reviews.

Sponsor: [Johnson, Bill \[Rep.-R-OH-6\]](#)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 05/15/2023 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker

[H.R.3291](#)

To provide that an eligible facilities request under section 6409(a) of the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 is not subject to requirements to prepare certain environmental or historical preservation reviews.

Sponsor: [Carter, Earl L. "Buddy" \[Rep.-R-GA-1\]](#)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 05/15/2023 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker,

[H.R.3292](#)

To provide that a project for the deployment or modification of a communications facility entirely within a brownfield site is not subject to requirements to prepare certain environmental or historical preservation reviews.

Sponsor: [Walberg, Tim \[Rep.-R-MI-5\]](#)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 05/15/2023 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker,

[H.R.3297](#)

To ensure that certain broadband projects are not subject to requirements to prepare certain environmental or historical preservation reviews, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Fulcher, Russ \[Rep.-R-ID-1\]](#)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 05/15/2023 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker

[H.R.3302](#)

To protect Moms and babies against climate change, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Underwood, Lauren \[Rep.-D-IL-14\]](#)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 05/15/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

[H.R.3327](#)

To require the Secretary of Energy to receive approval from the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development with respect to manufactured housing energy efficiency standards issued by the Secretary of Energy, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Kustoff, David \[Rep.-R-TN-8\]](#)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Financial Services

Latest Action: House - 05/15/2023 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Financial Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker

[H.R.3337](#)

To amend the Clean Air Act to eliminate the renewable fuel standard advanced biofuel corn starch prohibition, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Miller-Meeks, Mariannette \[Rep.-R-IA-1\]](#)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 05/15/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

[H.Res.319](#)

Recognizing the duty of the Federal Government to create a Green New Deal.

Sponsor: [Ocasio-Cortez, Alexandria \[Rep.-D-NY-14\]](#)

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

Education and the Workforce; Transportation and Infrastructure; Agriculture; Natural Resources; Foreign Affairs; Financial Services; Judiciary; Ways and Means; Oversight and Accountability

Latest Action: House - 05/15/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation, Research, and Biotechnology.

Senate:

Committee Action:

[S.1601](#)

A bill to protect moms and babies against climate change, and for other purposes.

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

Committees: Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Latest Action: Senate - 05/15/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

[S.J.Res.23](#)

A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the National Marine Fisheries

Service relating to "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Regulations for Listing Endangered and Threatened Species and Designating Critical Habitat".

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

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 05/15/2023 Message on Senate action sent to the House.

[S.J.Res.24](#)

A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service relating to "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Endangered Species Status for Northern Long-Eared Bat".

Sponsor: [Mullin, Markwayne \[Sen.-R-OK\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 05/15/2023 Message on Senate action sent to the House.

A resolution expressing support for the designation of May 2023 as "Renewable Fuels Month" to recognize the important role that renewable fuels play in reducing carbon impacts, lowering fuel prices for consumers, supporting rural communities, and lessening reliance on foreign adversaries.

Sponsor: [Ricketts, Pete \[Sen.-R-NE\]](#)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 05/15/2023 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.