U.S. FEDERAL LANDS: A Significant Source of Abundant Mineral Wealth

Putting These Lands Off-Limits Increases Import Reliance, Harming Innovation and Growth

$6.2 TRILLION

A financial windfall of mineral resources that remain untapped.

When it comes to these and other key minerals, "what is left to be discovered in the U.S. is almost as vast as what has been discovered."

Half of U.S. mineral-rich land is either off-limits or restricted for mineral development and additional withdrawals are under consideration.

Discovery is not simple.

Years of exploration, drilling and confirmation are required to determine if a deposit will beat the 1-10,000 odds of becoming an operating mine.

We must be able to explore the land and discover new mineral deposits.

The Latest Challenge

Currently, the U.S. Department of the Interior is recommending the withdrawal of 1.6 million acres of federal land from mining to protect sage grouse—a bird that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service says is not endangered.

The Reality

The real threats to the sage grouse are habitat loss and invasive species.

Mining operations include low value minerals into pristine valuable, vulnerable to invasive, depopulating habitats.

Mining operations are heavily regulated and must follow strict environmental laws of local, state and federal levels.

The Impacted States

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What this means for the U.S.

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HOW YOU CAN HELP.

Let’s promote the smart use of land and protect it while continuing to advance technologies for future generations.

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