



The Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee recently released legislative text to be considered as part of Senate Republicans’ budget reconciliation bill.

Here's WY It Matters.

An Overview:

The federal government owns 645 million acres of the nation’s surface estate. The [Senate text](#) proposes to identify and dispose of 2-3 million of those particular acres that are within the jurisdiction of the BLM and USFS in 11 western states to address the national housing shortage. The very text of the bill prohibits the sale of lands with existing rights (such as grazing and mining leases) and those “Federally Protected Lands”, such as National Parks, National Monuments, wilderness areas, or national recreation areas. State, local, and tribal government must be consulted with regard to any land sales, and funds generated from the sales will be shared with the local governments and used to address the deferred maintenance backlog on BLM and USFS lands.

It is important to note that this is a proposal from the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee which is still subject to further consideration, changes, and a vote in the Senate. The House passed One Big Beautiful Bill Act did not include the sale of any public lands, and this new public lands sale provision is not currently proposed for me to vote on in the House as your representative.

WY It Matters:

There is a nationwide shortage of at least 4.5 million houses and a shortage of 7.1 million affordable and available homes. These numbers will continue to grow as our population expands. Wyoming is no stranger to the challenges associated with limited housing and skyrocketing prices, and for many of our communities, private development has reached maximum potential, with federal land ownership constraining growth, jobs, and economic development. The BLM’s policy of continuing to buy private land (such as the purchase SW of Casper), creates land-locked communities and checkerboard patterns, while also restricting development on isolated parcels. The federal government owns nearly 50% of Wyoming’s surface estate. The Senate Committee’s proposal to unlock a mere fraction of 1% of federal lands in small tracts strikes a responsible balance to address local needs while protecting the beautiful landscapes that make up our state’s identity.

What You Can Do

- 1. [Learn more about the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee's reconciliation bill](#)
- 2. Share this email with your friends and family
- 3. Tell me what you think of this bill by answering my survey below:

Do you agree with language proposed by Senate Republicans to not sell off the following categories of public lands?

- National Monuments
- National Recreation Areas
- Components of the National Wilderness Preservation System
- Components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System
- Components of the National Trails System
- National Conservation Areas
- Units of the National Wildlife Refuge System
- Units of the National Fish Hatchery System
- Units of the National Park System
- National Preserves
- National Seashore National Lake shores
- National Historic Sites
- National Memorials
- National Battlefields
- National Battlefield Parks
- National Battlefield Sites
- National Military Parks
- National Historical Parks
- Or any lands with valid existing rights

[Yes](#)

[No](#)

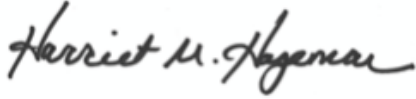
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