



THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR
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The Honorable John Thune
Senate Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Thune:

On September 3, 2025, a majority of the members in the House of Representatives voted affirmatively on three resolutions of disapproval for three resource management plan (RMP) decisions finalized by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) under the Biden administration (H.J. Res. 104, Roll no. 224; H.J. Res. 105, Roll no. 226; and H.J. Res. 106, Roll no. 225). By this action, the House of Representatives made a conclusive determination under the Congressional Review Act (CRA) that these RMP decisions approved pursuant to section 202 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA), 43 U.S.C. § 1712, are considered “rules” under the CRA, 5 U.S.C. § 804(3).

As we await Senate consideration of the resolutions, I wanted to respond to several questions we have received regarding the Department of the Interior’s prospective management of these public lands upon passage and final enactment. For ease, I have included tables of the defining or “key” management features of the RMP decisions currently subject to Congressional disapproval.

Should a joint resolution of disapproval be enacted, the RMP decision and associated Record of Decision (ROD) would be immediately invalidated and the immediately preceding RMP would go into effect. BLM would be prohibited from re-issuing a RMP that is “substantially the same” as the disapproved RMP decision; that is, it would be prohibited from re-issuing the defining features and decisions contained in those documents which differentiate it from the immediately preceding RMP. As you will see, in all cases the preceding land use plans provide greater access for multiple-use and sustained yield than the Biden-era land use plans.

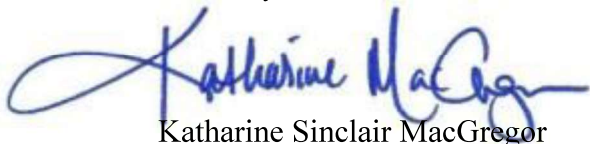
The management decisions finalized in the Biden-era plans significantly curtail multiple uses on many of the underlying parcels in question. Impacts range from eliminating access to much needed coal, oil and gas, and mineral resources, and in some cases, even reduced access to livestock grazing and off-highway vehicle use, to name a few of the key restrictions.

In reviewing the Congressional Record, it is clear that the House of Representatives has directly responded with specificity to these resource-limiting actions of the Biden-era RMPs. Passage of these corrective CRA resolutions would not limit BLM from continuing to manage public lands in accordance with all applicable laws, including FLPMA, the Mineral Leasing Act, and the One

Big Beautiful Bill Act. Instead, it would only limit BLM from promulgating RMP decisions that are “substantially the same as” the Biden-era RMPs which significantly restricted the multiple use and sustained yield of the underlying parcels.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

cc: The Honorable Mike Lee, Chairman, Committee on Energy and Natural Resources,
United States Senate

The Honorable Bruce Westerman, Chairman, Committee on Natural Resources, U.S.
House of Representatives