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H.R. 3397

To kill the Public Lands Rule

This week, House Republicans continue their political crusade to check off the wish lists of industries that have consistently lied to, ripped off, or harmed the American people in the name of bigger profits. **H.R. 3397, the WEST Act (Curtis, R-Utah), does Big Oil's dirty work by rescinding the commonsense Public Lands Rule, which puts conservation on equal footing with extraction by industry on public lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).**

H.R. 3397 keeps the scales tipped in Big Oil's favor, thwarting critical climate action on our public lands.

Big Oil and other polluters have benefitted from wildly unbalanced policies that favor extraction on our public lands for decades. The Biden administration issued the Public Lands Rule and other rulemakings to balance the multiple uses of our public lands so that conservation, cultural preservation, renewable energy, and climate action are on equal footing with extraction.

H.R. 3397 rescinds the Public Lands Rule and prevents any similar rulemaking in the future, making sure Big Oil maintains its reign over our public lands. Conservation and renewable energy will continue to take a back seat, all but ensuring we come up short on our ambitious climate goals.

H.R. 3397 ignores the vast majority of Americans who support the Public Lands Rule and conservation of our public lands.

Our public lands are more than a playground for Big Oil and polluters – they provide clean air, clean water, wildlife habitat, opportunities for outdoor recreation, and so much more. The Public Lands Rule promotes managing for landscape health, creates new tools for mitigation and restoration, and enhances a longstanding designation used to protect sacred sites and other valuable resources.

The Public Lands Rule is overwhelmingly popular, with 92% of public comments for the proposed rule being in favor. The rule's popularity reflects a broader sentiment among Americans; in the West, where the vast majority of BLM lands are located, 82% of voters across the political spectrum support the conservation of our public lands and waters.

H.R. 3397 props up Big Oil while the American people and our public lands suffer the consequences.

- From 2017–2020, Big Oil made a record-breaking \$152 billion in profits, \$35.2 billion in stock buybacks, and \$23.8 million in CEO bonuses.
- Big Oil is hoarding millions of acres of our public lands and waters that they aren't even using for their greedy, speculative investment schemes.
- When accounting for climate and health impacts, American taxpayers lose \$649 billion per year in subsidies and handouts to Big Oil.



**1/4 OF THE NATION'S
CLIMATE POLLUTION
COMES FROM OUR
PUBLIC LANDS.**

**WE CAN'T FIGHT CLIMATE
CHANGE BY MAINTAINING THE
PRO-POLLUTER STATUS QUO.**

**AMERICANS WANT CONSERVATION AND BALANCE ON OUR
PUBLIC LANDS, NOT MORE OF BIG OIL'S GREED AND DESTRUCTION.
VOTE NO ON H.R. 3397.**