

TITLE ~~ENERGY~~ **V—ENERGY** AND NATURAL
RESOURCES

Subtitle A—Oil and Gas Leasing

SEC. ~~0101~~ **50101**. ONSHORE OIL AND GAS LEASING.

(a) Repeal of Inflation Reduction Act Provisions.—

(1) ONSHORE OIL AND GAS ROYALTY RATES.—Subsection (a) of section 50262 of Public Law 117–169 (136 Stat. 2056) is repealed, and any provision of law amended or repealed by that subsection is restored or revived as if that subsection had not been enacted into law.

(2) NONCOMPETITIVE LEASING.—Subsection (e) of section 50262 of Public Law 117–169 (136 Stat. 2057) is repealed, and any provision of law amended or repealed by that subsection is restored or revived as if that subsection had not been enacted into law.

(b) Requirement to Immediately Resume Onshore Oil and Gas Lease Sales.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior shall immediately resume quarterly onshore oil and gas lease sales in compliance with the Mineral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C. 181 et seq.).

(2) REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary of the Interior shall ensure—

(A) that any oil and gas lease sale required under paragraph (1) is conducted immediately on completion of all applicable scoping, public comment, and environmental analysis requirements under the Mineral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C. 181 et seq.) and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.); and

(B) that the processes described in subparagraph (A) are conducted in a timely manner to ensure compliance with subsection (b)(1).

(3) LEASE OF OIL AND GAS LANDS.—Section 17(b)(1)(A) of the Mineral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C. 226(b)(1)(A)), as amended by subsection (a), is amended by inserting “For purposes of the previous sentence, the term ‘eligible lands’ means all lands that are subject to leasing under this Act and are not excluded from leasing by a statutory prohibition, and the term ‘available’, with respect to eligible lands, means those lands that have been designated as open for leasing under a land use plan developed under section 202 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1712) and that have been nominated for leasing through the submission of an expression of interest, are subject to drainage in the absence of leasing, or are otherwise designated as available pursuant to regulations adopted by the Secretary.” after “sales are necessary.”.

(c) Quarterly Lease Sales.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—In accordance with the Mineral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C. 181 et seq.), each fiscal year, the Secretary of the Interior shall conduct a minimum of 4 oil and gas lease sales in each of the following States:

(A) Wyoming.

(B) New Mexico.

(C) Colorado.

(D) Utah.

(E) Montana.

(F) North Dakota.

(G) Oklahoma.

(H) Nevada.

(I) Alaska.

(J) Any other State in which there is land available for oil and gas leasing under the Mineral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C. 181 et seq.).

(2) REQUIREMENT.—In conducting a lease sale under paragraph (1) in a State described in that paragraph, the Secretary of the Interior—

(A) shall offer not less than 50 percent of available parcels nominated for oil and gas development under the applicable resource management plan in effect for relevant Bureau of Land Management resource management areas within the applicable State; and

(B) shall not restrict the parcels offered to 1 Bureau of Land Management field office within the applicable State unless all nominated parcels are located within the same Bureau of Land Management field office.

(3) REPLACEMENT SALES.—The Secretary of the Interior shall conduct a replacement sale during the same fiscal year if—

(A) a lease sale under paragraph (1) is canceled, delayed, or deferred, including for a lack of eligible parcels; or

(B) during a lease sale under paragraph (1) the percentage of acreage that does not receive a bid is equal to or greater than 25 percent of the acreage offered.

(d) Mineral Leasing Act Reforms.—Section 17 of the Mineral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C. 226), as amended by subsection (a), is amended—

(1) by striking the section designation and all that follows through the end of subsection (a) and inserting the following:

“SEC. 17. LEASING OF OIL AND GAS PARCELS.

“(a) Leasing Authorized.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Any parcel of land subject to disposition under this Act that is known or believed to contain oil or gas deposits shall be made available for leasing, subject to paragraph (2), by the Secretary of the Interior, not later than 18 months after the date of receipt by the Secretary of an expression of interest in leasing the applicable parcel of land available for disposition under this section, if the Secretary determines that the parcel of land is open to oil or gas leasing under the approved resource management plan applicable to the planning area in which the parcel of land is located that is in effect on the date on

which the expression of interest was submitted to the Secretary (referred to in this subsection as the 'approved resource management plan').

“(2) RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLANS.—

“(A) LEASE TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—A lease issued by the Secretary under this section with respect to an applicable parcel of land made available for leasing under paragraph (1)—

“(i) shall be subject to the terms and conditions of the approved resource management plan; and

“(ii) may not require any stipulations or mitigation requirements not included in the approved resource management plan.

“(B) EFFECT OF AMENDMENT.—The initiation of an amendment to an approved resource management plan shall not prevent or delay the Secretary from making the applicable parcel of land available for leasing in accordance with that approved resource management plan if the other requirements of this section have been met, as determined by the Secretary.”;

(2) in subsection (p), by adding at the end the following:

“(4) TERM.—A permit to drill approved under this subsection shall be valid for a single, non-renewable 4-year period beginning on the date that the permit to drill is approved.”; and

(3) by striking subsection (q) and inserting the following:

“(q) Commingling of **Production.—The Production.—**

“(1) In general.—The Secretary of the Interior shall approve applications allowing for the commingling of production from 2 or more sources (including the area of an oil and gas lease, the area included in a drilling spacing unit, a unit participating area, a communitized area, or non-Federal property) before production reaches the point of royalty measurement regardless of ownership, the royalty rates, and the number or percentage of acres for each source if the applicant agrees to install measurement devices for each source, utilize an allocation method that achieves volume measurement uncertainty levels within plus or minus 2 percent during the production phase reported on a monthly basis, or utilize an approved periodic well testing methodology. Production from multiple oil and gas leases, drilling spacing units, communitized areas, or participating areas from a single wellbore shall be considered a single source. Nothing in this subsection shall prevent the Secretary of the Interior from continuing the current practice of exercising discretion to authorize higher percentage volume measurement uncertainty levels if appropriate technical and economic justifications have been **provided. provided.”.**

“(2) Revenue allocation.— Fees received under this subsection shall be deposited into the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts.”.

SEC. —0102 SEC. 50102. OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS LEASING.

(a) Lease Sales.—

(1) GULF OF AMERICA REGION.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding the 2024–2029 National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program (and any successor leasing program that does not satisfy the requirements of this section), in addition to lease sales which may be held under that program, and except within areas subject to existing oil and gas leasing moratoria, the Secretary of the Interior shall conduct a minimum of 30 region-wide oil and gas lease sales, in a manner consistent with the schedule described in subparagraph (B), in the region identified in the map depicting lease terms and economic conditions accompanying the final notice of sale of the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management entitled “Gulf of Mexico Outer Continental Shelf Region-Wide Oil and Gas Lease Sale 254” (85 Fed. Reg. 8010 (February 12, 2020)).

(B) TIMING REQUIREMENT.—Of the not fewer than 30 region-wide lease sales required under this paragraph, the Secretary of the Interior shall—

(i) hold not fewer than 1 lease sale in the region described in subparagraph (A) by December 15, 2025;

(ii) hold not fewer than 2 lease sales in that region in each of calendar years 2026 through 2039, 1 of which shall be held by March 15 of the applicable calendar year and 1 of which shall be held after March 15 but not later than August 15 of the applicable calendar year; and

(iii) hold not fewer than 1 lease sale in that region in calendar year 2040, which shall be held by March 15, 2040.

(2) ALASKA REGION.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior shall conduct a minimum of 6 offshore lease sales, in a manner consistent with the schedule described in subparagraph (B), in the Cook Inlet Planning Area as identified in the 2017–2022 Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Proposed Final Program published on November 18, 2016, by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (as announced in the notice of availability of the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management entitled “Notice of Availability of the 2017–2022 Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Proposed Final Program” (81 Fed. Reg. 84612 (November 23, 2016))).

(B) TIMING REQUIREMENT.—Of the not fewer than 6 lease sales required under this paragraph, the Secretary of the Interior shall hold not fewer than 1 lease sale in the **region area** described in subparagraph (A) in each of calendar years 2026 through 2028, and in each of calendar years 2030 through 2032, by March 15 of the applicable calendar year.

(b) Requirements.—

(1) TERMS AND STIPULATIONS FOR GULF OF AMERICA SALES.—In conducting lease sales under subsection (a)(1), the Secretary of the Interior—

(A) shall, subject to subparagraph (C), offer the same lease form, lease terms, economic conditions, and lease stipulations 4 through 9 as contained in the final notice of sale of the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management entitled “Gulf of Mexico Outer Continental Shelf Region-Wide Oil and Gas Lease Sale 254” (85 Fed. Reg. 8010

(February 12, 2020));

(B) may update lease stipulations 1 through 3 and 10 described in that final notice of sale to reflect current conditions for lease sales conducted under subsection (a)(1);

(C) shall set the royalty rate at not less than $12\frac{1}{2}$ percent but not greater than $16\frac{2}{3}$ percent; and

(D) shall, for a lease in water depths of 800 meters or deeper issued as a result of a sale, set the primary term for 10 years.

(2) TERMS AND STIPULATIONS FOR ALASKA REGION SALES.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—In conducting lease sales under subsection (a)(2), the Secretary of the Interior shall offer the same lease form, lease terms, economic conditions, and stipulations as contained in the final notice of sale of the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management entitled “Cook Inlet Planning Area Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Lease Sale 244” (82 Fed. Reg. 23291 (May 22, 2017)).

(B) REVENUE SHARING.—Notwithstanding section 8(g) and section 9 of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1337(g), 1338), and beginning in fiscal year 2035, of the bonuses, rents, royalties, and other revenues derived from lease sales conducted under subsection (a)(2)—

(i) 90 percent shall be paid to the State of Alaska; and

(ii) 10 percent shall be deposited in the Treasury and credited to miscellaneous receipts.

(3) AREA OFFERED FOR LEASE.—

(A) GULF OF AMERICA REGION.—For each offshore lease sale conducted under subsection (a)(1), the Secretary of the Interior shall—

(i) offer not fewer than 80,000,000 acres; or

(ii) if there are fewer than 80,000,000 acres that are unleased and available, offer all unleased and available acres.

(B) ALASKA REGION.—For each offshore lease sale conducted under subsection (a)(2), the Secretary of the Interior shall—

(i) offer not fewer than 1,000,000 acres; or

(ii) if there are fewer than 1,000,000 acres that are unleased and available, offer all unleased and available acres.

(4) Compliance with the national environmental policy act.—The final programmatic environmental impact statement published by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management entitled “Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for the 2017–2022 Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Oil and Gas Leasing Program”, and dated November 2016, and the record of decision for that final programmatic environmental impact statement shall apply to the program of lease sales conducted under paragraph (1) of subsection (a) and be sufficient for purposes of complying with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) for offshore lease sales conducted under that paragraph.

(5) Sale-specific analyses.—For any lease sale conducted under subsection (a)(1), the final multisale environmental impact statement published by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management entitled “Gulf of Mexico OCS Oil and Gas Lease Sales: 2017-2022”, and dated March 2017, and the record of decision for that final supplemental environmental impact statement shall apply to and shall be sufficient for the purposes of complying with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.).

(6) Issuance of leases.—If any acceptable bids have been received for any tract offered in a lease sale conducted under subsection (a), the Secretary of the Interior shall issue such leases not later than 90 days after the lease sale to the highest bids on the tracts offered.

(c) Offshore Commingling.—The Secretary of the Interior shall approve a request of an operator to commingle oil or gas production from multiple reservoirs within a single wellbore completed on the outer Continental Shelf in the Gulf of America Region unless the Secretary of the Interior determines that conclusive evidence establishes that the commingling—

(1) could not be conducted by the operator in a safe manner; or

(2) would result in an ultimate recovery from the applicable reservoirs to be reduced in comparison to the expected recovery of those reservoirs if they had not been commingled.

(d) Offshore Oil and Gas Royalty Rate.—

(1) REPEAL.—Section 50261 of Public Law 117–169 (136 Stat. 2056) is repealed, and any provision of law amended or repealed by that section is restored or revived as if that section had not been enacted into law.

(2) ROYALTY RATE.—Section 8(a)(1) of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1337(a)(1)) (as amended by paragraph (1)) is amended—

(A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “not less than 12½ per centum” and inserting “not less than 12½ percent, but not more than 16⅔ percent,”;

(B) in subparagraph (C), by striking “not less than 12½ per centum” and inserting “not less than 12½ percent, but not more than 16⅔ percent,”;

(C) in subparagraph (F), by striking “no less than 12½ per centum” and inserting “not less than 12½ percent, but not more than 16⅔ percent,”; and

(D) in subparagraph (H), by striking “no less than 12 and ½ per centum” and inserting “not less than 12½ percent, but not more than 16⅔ percent,”.

(e) Limitations on Amount of Distributed Qualified Outer Continental Shelf Revenues.—Section 105(f)(1) of the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006 (43 U.S.C. 1331 note; Public Law 109–432) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (B), by striking “and” at the end;

(2) in subparagraph (C), by striking “2055.” and inserting “2024;” and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(D) \$650,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2025 through 2034; and

“(E) \$500,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2035 through 2055.”.

1 SEC. ~~0103~~ **50103**. ROYALTIES ON EXTRACTED
2 METHANE.

3 Section 50263 of Public Law 117–169 (30 U.S.C. 1727) is repealed.

4 SEC. ~~0104~~ **50104**. ALASKA OIL AND GAS LEASING.

5 (a) Definitions.—In this section:

6 (1) COASTAL PLAIN.—The term “Coastal Plain” has the meaning given the term in section
7 20001(a) of Public Law 115–97 (16 U.S.C. 3143 note).

8 (2) OIL AND GAS PROGRAM.—The term “oil and gas program” means the oil and gas
9 program established under section 20001(b)(2) of Public Law 115–97 (16 U.S.C. 3143
10 note).

11 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Interior, acting
12 through the Bureau of Land Management.

13 (b) Lease Sales Required.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (3), in addition to the lease sales required under
15 section 20001(c)(1)(A) of Public Law 115–97 (16 U.S.C. 3143 note), the Secretary shall
16 conduct not fewer than 4 lease sales area-wide under the oil and gas program by not later
17 than 10 years after the date of enactment of this Act.

18 (2) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—In conducting lease sales under paragraph (1), the
19 Secretary shall offer the same terms and conditions as contained in the record of decision
20 described in the notice of availability of the Bureau of Land Management entitled “Notice
21 of Availability of the Record of Decision for the Final Environmental Impact Statement for
22 the Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program, Alaska” (85 Fed. Reg. 51754 (August 21,
23 2020)).

24 (3) SALE ACREAGES; SCHEDULE.—

25 (A) ACREAGES.—In conducting the lease sales required under paragraph (1), the
26 Secretary shall offer for lease under the oil and gas program—

27 (i) not fewer than 400,000 acres area-wide in each lease sale; and

28 (ii) those areas that have the highest potential for the discovery of
29 hydrocarbons.

30 (B) SCHEDULE.—The Secretary shall offer—

31 (i) the initial lease sale under paragraph (1) not later than 1 year after the date
32 of enactment of this Act;

33 (ii) a second lease sale under paragraph (1) not later than 3 years after the date
34 of enactment of this Act;

35 (iii) a third lease sale under paragraph (1) not later than 5 years after the date of
36 enactment of this Act; and

37 (iv) a fourth lease sale under paragraph (1) not later than 7 years after the date

of enactment of this Act.

(4) RIGHTS-OF-WAY.—The Secretary shall issue any rights of-way or easements across the Coastal Plain for the exploration, development, production, or transportation necessary to carry out this subsection.

(5) SURFACE DEVELOPMENT.—In carrying out this subsection, the Secretary shall authorize up to 2,000 surface acres of Federal land on the Coastal Plain to be covered by production and support facilities (including airstrips and any area covered by gravel berms or piers for support of pipelines) during the term of the leases under the oil and gas program.

(c) Receipts.—Notwithstanding section 35 of the Mineral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C. 191) and section 20001(b)(5) of Public Law 115–97 (16 U.S.C. 3143 note), of the amount of adjusted bonus, rental, and royalty receipts derived from the oil and gas program and operations on the Coastal Plain pursuant to this section—

(1)(A) for each of fiscal years 2025 through 2034, 50 percent shall be paid to the State of Alaska; and

(B) for fiscal year 2035 and each fiscal year thereafter, 90 percent shall be paid to the State of Alaska; and

(2) the balance shall be deposited into the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts.

SEC. ~~0105~~ 50105. NATIONAL PETROLEUM RESERVE— ALASKA.

(a) Definitions.—In this section:

(1) NPR—A FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT.—The term “NPR—A final environmental impact statement” means the final environmental impact statement published by the Bureau of Land Management entitled “National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska Integrated Activity Plan Final Environmental Impact Statement” and dated June 2020, including the errata sheet dated October 6, 2020, and excluding the errata sheet dated September 20, 2022.

(2) NPR—A RECORD OF DECISION.—The term “NPR—A record of decision” means the record of decision published by the Bureau of Land Management entitled “National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska Integrated Activity Plan Record of Decision” and dated December 2020.

(3) PROGRAM.—The term “Program” means the competitive oil and gas leasing, exploration, development, and production program established under section 107 of the Naval Petroleum Reserves Production Act of 1976 (42 U.S.C. 6506a).

(4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Interior.

(b) Restoration of NPR—A Oil and Gas Leasing Program.—Effective beginning on the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall—

~~(1) the Secretary shall~~ (1) expeditiously restore and resume oil and gas lease sales under the Program for domestic energy production and Federal revenue, subject to the

requirements of this section; and

(2) **carry out the Program in accordance with** part 2360 of title 43, Code of Federal Regulations, ~~shall have no force or~~ **(as in effect on May 1, 2024).**

(c) Resumption of NPR–A Lease Sales.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2), the Secretary shall conduct not fewer than 5 lease sales under the Program by not later than 10 years after the date of enactment of this Act.

(2) SALES ACREAGES; SCHEDULE.—

(A) ACREAGES.—In conducting the lease sales required under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall offer not fewer than 4,000,000 acres in each lease sale.

(B) SCHEDULE.—The Secretary shall offer—

(i) an initial lease sale under paragraph (1) not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act; and

(ii) an additional lease sale under paragraph (1) not later than every 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act.

(d) Terms and Stipulations for NPR–A Lease Sales.—In conducting lease sales under subsection (c), the Secretary shall offer the same lease form, lease terms, economic conditions, and stipulations as described in the NPR–A final environmental impact statement and the NPR–A record of decision.

~~(c) Compliance With the National Environmental Policy Act.—The NPRA final environmental impact statement and the NPRA record of decision—~~

~~(1) shall apply to the lease sales conducted under subsection (c); and~~

~~(2) are sufficient for purposes of complying with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.);~~

~~(f) Receipts.—Section 107(l) of the Naval Petroleum Reserves Production Act of 1976 (42 U.S.C. 6506a(l)) is amended—~~

~~(1) by striking “All receipts from” and inserting the following:~~

~~“(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), all receipts from”; and~~

~~(2) by adding at the end the following:~~

~~“(2) PERCENT SHARE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2035 AND THEREAFTER.—Beginning in fiscal year 2035, of the receipts described in paragraph (1) — from sales, rentals, bonuses, and royalties on leases issued pursuant to this section after the date of enactment of the Act entitled ‘An Act to provide for reconciliation pursuant to title II of H. Con. Res. 14’ (119th Congress)—~~

~~“(A) 90 percent shall be paid to the State of Alaska; and~~

~~“(B) 10 percent shall be paid into the Treasury of the United States.”.~~

Subtitle B—Mining

1 **SEC. ~~0201. AMBLER ROAD IN ALASKA~~ 50201. COAL**
2 **LEASING.**

3 (a) Definitions.—In this section:

4 (1) **COAL LEASE.**—The term “coal lease” means a Alternative a. The term
5 “Alternative A” means Alternative A as described in “Chapter 2. Alternatives” of the
6 Ambler Road Final Environmental Impact Statement.

7 (2) Ambler road final environmental impact statement. The term “Ambler Road Final
8 Environmental Impact Statement” means the document entitled “Ambler Road
9 Environmental Impact Statement, Final, Volume 1: Chapters 13, Appendices AF”,
10 published March 2020 by the Bureau of Land Management.

11 (3) Applicant. The term “Applicant” has the meaning given the term in the Ambler
12 Road Final Environmental Impact Statement.

13 (4) Federal land. The term “Federal land” has the meaning given the term in section
14 102 of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 3102).

15 (5) Public lands. The term “public lands” has the meaning given the term in section 102
16 of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 3102).

17 (6) Secretary. The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Interior.

18 (b) Record of Decision. Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act,
19 the Secretary shall—

20 (1) rescind the record of decision published by the Bureau of Land Management entitled
21 “Ambler Road Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement Record of Decision” and
22 dated June 2024;

23 (2) publish in the Federal Register a new record of decision which selects Alternative A
24 as the preferred alternative; and

25 (3) issue to the Applicant permits for the rights-of-way on Federal land and public lands
26 administered by the Bureau of Land Management and the National Park Service, as
27 applicable.

28 (c) Rental Payments. The rental fee paid by the Applicant to the Bureau of Land
29 Management for a permit for a right-of-way issued pursuant to subsection (b)(3) shall be
30 \$500,000 for each of fiscal years 2025 through 2034.

31 (d) Receipts. Fees paid to the Bureau of Land Management under subsection (c) shall
32 be deposited in the Treasury and credited to miscellaneous receipts.

33 **SEC. ~~0202. COAL LEASING.~~**

34 Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior
35 shall—

36 (1) with respect to each application for a coal lease entered into by the United States as
37 lessor, through the Bureau of Land Management, and an applicant on Bureau of Land
38 Management Form 3400-012 (or a successor form that contains the terms of a coal lease).

(2) QUALIFIED APPLICATION.—The term “qualified application” means an application for a coal lease pending as of the date of enactment of this Act or submitted within 90 days thereafter under the lease by application program administered by the Bureau of Land Management pursuant to the Mineral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C. 181 et seq.) for which any required environmental review has commenced or the Director of the Bureau of Land Management determines can commence within 90 days after receiving the application (referred to in this section as a “qualified application”).

(A)(b) Coal Leasing Activities.—Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior—

(1) shall—

(A) with respect to each qualified application—

(i) if not previously published for public comment, publish any required environmental review;

(B)(ii) establish the fair market value of the applicable coal tract;

(C)(iii) hold a lease sale with respect to the applicable coal tract; and

(iv)(D) identify the highest bidder at or above the fair market value and take all other intermediate actions necessary to identify the winning bidder and grant the qualified application; and

(B) with respect to a previously issued coal lease, grant any additional approvals of the Department of the Interior required for mining activities to commence; and

(2) may, (E) after completing the actions required by subparagraphs (A) clauses (i) through (D)(iv) of paragraph (1)(A), grant the qualified application and issue the applicable lease to the person that submitted the qualified application if that person submitted the winning bid in the lease sale held under subparagraph (C); and clause (iii) of paragraph (1)(A).

~~(2) with respect to a previously issued coal lease entered into by the United States as lessor, through the Bureau of Land Management, and an applicant on Bureau of Land Management Form 3400-012 (or a successor form that contains the terms of a coal lease), grant any additional approvals of the Department of the Interior required for mining activities to commence.~~

SEC. 0203 SEC. 50202. COAL ROYALTY.

(a) Rate.—Section 7(a) of the Mineral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C. 207(a)) is amended, in the fourth sentence, by striking “12½ per centum” and inserting “12½ percent, except such amount shall be not more than 7 percent during the period that begins on the date of enactment of the Act titled entitled ‘An Act to provide for reconciliation pursuant to title II of H. Con. Res. 14’ (119th Congress) and ends September 30, 2034.”.

(b) Applicability to Existing Leases.—The amendment made by subsection (a) shall apply to a coal lease—

(1) issued under section 2 of the Mineral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C. 201) before, on, or after the date of the enactment of this Act; and

(2) that has not been terminated.

(c) Advance Royalties.—With respect to a lease issued under section 2 of the Mineral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C. 201) for which the lessee has paid advance royalties under section 7(b) of that Act (30 U.S.C. 207(b)), the Secretary of the Interior shall provide to the lessee a credit for the difference between the amount paid by the lessee in advance royalties for the lease before the date of the enactment of this Act and the amount the lessee would have been required to pay if the amendment made by subsection (a) had been made before the lessee paid advance royalties for the lease.

SEC. ~~0204~~ 50203. LEASES FOR KNOWN RECOVERABLE COAL RESOURCES.

Notwithstanding section 2(a)(3)(A) of the Mineral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C. 201(a)(3)(A)) and section 202(a) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1712(a)), not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior shall make available for lease known recoverable coal resources of not less than 4,000,000 additional acres on Federal land located in the 48 contiguous States and Alaska subject to the jurisdiction of the Secretary, but which shall not include any Federal land within—

- (1) a National Monument;
- (2) a National Recreation Area;
- (3) a component of the National Wilderness Preservation System;
- (4) a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System;
- (5) a component of the National Trails System;
- (6) a National Conservation Area;
- (7) a unit of the National Wildlife Refuge System;
- (8) a unit of the National Fish Hatchery System; **or**
- (9) a unit of the National Park System;.

~~(10) a National Preserve;~~

~~(11) a National Seashore or National Lakeshore;~~

~~(12) a National Historic Site;~~

~~(13) a National Memorial;~~

~~(14) a National Battlefield, National Battlefield Park, National~~

~~Battlefield Site, or National Military Park; or~~
~~(15) a National Historical Park.~~

~~SEC. 0205~~ **SEC. 50204.** AUTHORIZATION TO MINE
FEDERAL COAL.

(a) Authorization.—In order to provide access to coal reserves in adjacent State or private land that without an authorization could not be mined economically, Federal coal reserves located in Federal land subject to a mining plan previously approved by the Secretary of the Interior as of the date of enactment of this Act and adjacent to coal reserves in adjacent State or private land are authorized to be mined.

(b) Requirement.—Not later than 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior shall, without substantial modification, take such steps as are necessary to authorize the mining of Federal land described in subsection (a).

Subtitle C—Lands

~~SEC. 0301~~ **SEC. 50301.** MANDATORY DISPOSAL OF
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT LAND ~~AND~~
~~NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM LAND~~ FOR HOUSING.

(a) Definitions.—In this section:

(1) BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT LAND.—The term “Bureau of Land Management land” means Federal land administered by the Secretary.

(2) COVERED FEDERAL LAND.—The term “covered Federal land” ~~means means~~

~~(A) Bureau of Land Management land selected for disposal under this section; and~~

~~(B) National Forest System~~ land selected for disposal under this section.

(3) ELIGIBLE STATE.—The term “eligible State” means any of the States of—

(A) Alaska;

(B) Arizona;

(C) California;

(D) Colorado;

(E) Idaho;

(F) Nevada;

(G) New Mexico;

(H) Oregon;

(I) Utah;

(J) Washington; or

(K) Wyoming.

(4) FEDERALLY PROTECTED LAND.—The term “federally protected land” means—

(A) a National Monument;

(B) a National Recreation Area;

(C) a component of the National Wilderness Preservation System;

(D) a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System;

(E) a component of the National Trails System;

(F) a National Conservation Area;

(G) a unit of the National Wildlife Refuge System;

(H) a unit of the National Fish Hatchery System;

(I) a unit of the National Park System;

(J) a National Preserve;

(K) a National Seashore or National Lakeshore;

(L) a National Historic Site;

(M) a National Memorial;

(N) a National Battlefield, National Battlefield Park, National Battlefield Site, or National Military Park; or

(O) a National Historical Park.

(5) National forest system land.—The term “National Forest System land” means Federal land (other than a forest reserve not created from the public domain) administered by the Secretary of Agriculture (acting through the Chief of the Forest Service).

(6) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Interior (acting through the Director of the Bureau of Land Management).

(7) Secretary concerned.—The term “Secretary concerned” means—

(A) the Secretary, with respect to Bureau of Land Management land; and

(B) the Secretary of Agriculture (acting through the Chief of the Forest Service), with respect to National Forest System land.

(b) Requirement.—Subject to valid existing rights and the requirements of this section, as soon as practicable after the date of enactment of this ~~Act~~, ~~Aet~~—

(1) the Secretary shall select for disposal not less than ~~0.50~~ **0.25** percent and not more than ~~0.75~~ **0.50** percent of Bureau of Land Management land, and shall dispose of all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to those tracts selected for disposal under this section; and

(2) the Secretary of Agriculture (acting through the Chief of the Forest Service) shall select for disposal not less than 0.50 percent and not more than 0.75 percent of National Forest System land, and shall dispose of all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to those tracts selected for disposal under this section.

(c) Selection Process; Priority Consideration.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act and every 60 days thereafter, the Secretary ~~concerned~~ shall publish a list of tracts of Bureau of Land Management land ~~and National Forest System land~~ identified by the Secretary ~~concerned~~ for disposal by the Secretary ~~concerned~~ or nominated for disposal under paragraph (2) that have been selected by the Secretary ~~concerned~~ for disposal under this section.

(2) NOMINATIONS FROM INTERESTED PARTIES.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary ~~concerned~~ shall publish a notice soliciting nominations of tracts of Bureau of Land Management land ~~and National Forest System land~~ for disposal by the Secretary ~~concerned~~ under this section from interested parties, including States and units of local government.

(B) CONSULTATION.—Before selecting for disposal under this section any tract of Bureau of Land Management land ~~or National Forest System land~~ nominated for disposal under subparagraph (A), the Secretary ~~concerned~~ shall consult with—

(i) the Governor of the State in which the nominated tract is located regarding the suitability of the area for residential development;

(ii) each applicable unit of local government; and

(iii) each applicable Indian Tribe.

(C) REQUIREMENTS.—A nomination of a tract of Bureau of Land Management land ~~or National Forest System land~~ for disposal submitted by an interested party under subparagraph (A) shall include a description of—

(i) the planned use of the tract of Bureau of Land Management land ~~or National Forest System land~~; and

(ii) the extent to which the development of the tract of Bureau of Land Management land ~~or National Forest System land~~ would address local housing needs (including housing supply and affordability) or any ~~associated~~ infrastructure ~~and amenities~~ to support local ~~needs associated with~~ housing needs.

(3) PRIORITY CONSIDERATION.—In selecting tracts of Bureau of Land Management land ~~and National Forest System land~~ for disposal under this section, the Secretary ~~concerned~~ shall give priority consideration to the disposal of tracts of Bureau of Land Management land ~~and National Forest System land~~ that, as determined by the ~~Secretary concerned~~ ~~Secretary~~—

(A) are nominated by States or units of local governments;

(B) are adjacent to existing developed areas;

(C) have access to existing infrastructure; ~~or~~

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(E) reduce checkerboard land patterns; or
(F) are isolated tracts that are inefficient to manage.

(d) Method of Disposal.—The Secretary concerned may dispose of tracts of covered Federal land under this section by competitive sale, auction, or other methods designed to secure not less than fair market value for the tracts of covered Federal land conveyed.

(e) Right of First Refusal.—The Secretary concerned may provide a State or unit of local government in which a tract of covered Federal land is located a right of first refusal to purchase the applicable tract of covered Federal land.

(f) Limitations.—

(1) USE.—A tract of covered Federal land disposed of under this section shall be used solely for the development of housing or to address associated infrastructure to support local housing needs; any infrastructure and amenities to support local needs associated with housing.

(2) Maximum total acreage.—The Secretary concerned shall establish a maximum total acreage of tracts of covered Federal land that a person may purchase under this section.

(3)(2) RESTRICTIVE COVENANT.—As a condition of the conveyance of a tract of covered Federal land under this section, the conveyance shall include a restrictive covenant requiring that the tract of covered Federal land conveyed be used in accordance with the planned use of the tract of covered Federal land—

(A) as described pursuant to paragraph (2)(C)(i) of subsection (c), in the case of covered Federal land nominated under that paragraph; or

(B) as identified by the Secretary concerned, in the case of covered Federal land initially identified for disposal by the Secretary concerned.

(4) Federally protected land; valid existing rights; outside eligible states.—The Secretary concerned(3) EXCLUDED LAND.—The Secretary may not dispose of any tract of covered Federal land that is—

(A) federally protected land;

(B) subject to valid existing rights; or as of the date of the nomination or identification of the tract of covered Federal land, subject to—

(i) an existing grazing permit or lease; or

(ii) a valid existing right that is incompatible with the development of housing or any infrastructure and amenities to support local needs associated with housing;

(C) not located in an eligible State; or.

(5) Number of tracts.—(D) not located within 5 miles of the border of a population center.

(A) In general.—Except as provided in subparagraph (B), a (4) NUMBER OF TRACTS.—A person may not purchase more than 2 tracts of covered Federal land in any 1 sale under this

section unless the person owns land surrounding the tracts of covered Federal land to be sold under this section.

~~(B) Exception.—Subparagraph (A) shall not apply to a State or unit of local government.~~

(g) Disposition of Proceeds.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3) and any provision of an applicable State enabling Act, any proceeds from the disposal of covered Federal land under this section shall be deposited in the general fund of the Treasury.

(2) REVENUE SHARING WITH UNIT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT.—

(A) DISTRIBUTION.—Notwithstanding paragraph (1), 5 percent of the gross proceeds from each sale of a tract of covered Federal land under this section (other than a sale to a unit of local government) shall be distributed to—

(i) the unit of local government with sole jurisdiction over the tract sold; or

(ii) in a case in which more than 1 unit of local government has jurisdiction over the tract sold, the unit of local government that the Secretary ~~concerned~~ determines exercises primary land use authority over the tract sold, as of the date of the sale.

(B) USE.—Amounts distributed to a unit of local government under subparagraph (A) shall be used by the unit of local government solely for essential infrastructure directly supporting housing development or other associated infrastructure to support local housing needs, as determined by the Secretary ~~concerned..~~

~~(3) Deferred~~**(3) HUNTING, FISHING, AND RECREATIONAL AMENITIES; DEFERRED**
MAINTENANCE BACKLOG.—Notwithstanding paragraph (1), **§ 10** percent of the gross proceeds from each sale of a tract of covered Federal land under this section shall be used by the ~~Secretary concerned to address the deferred maintenance backlog~~ **Secretary—**

(A) for hunting, fishing, and recreational amenities on Bureau of Land Management land ~~or National Forest System land, as applicable,~~ **in the State in which the tract sold is located; and**

(B) to address the deferred maintenance backlog on Bureau of Land Management land in the State in which the tract sold is located.

(h) Applicable Law.—The disposal of a tract of covered Federal land under this section shall be considered to meet the requirements under—

(1) subsections (a), (c), (d), and (f) of section 202 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1712); and

(2) section 203 of that Act (43 U.S.C. 1713).

(i) Deadline.—Not later than 5 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary ~~concerned~~ shall complete all conveyances of tracts of covered Federal land required under this section.

(j) Funding.—In addition to amounts otherwise made available, out of any funds in the

Treasury not otherwise appropriated, there ~~are~~ **is** appropriated ~~for fiscal year 2025 to the~~
Secretary to carry out this section, including the hiring of appraisers, soliciting nominations of
tracts of Bureau of Land Management land ~~or National Forest System land, as applicable,~~
identifying Bureau of Land Management land ~~or National Forest System land, as applicable,~~ for
disposal, and the timely disposal of covered Federal **land, \$5,000,000 for fiscal year 2025**
~~land—~~

~~(1) \$5,000,000 to the Secretary, to remain available until expended; and~~

~~(2) \$5,000,000 to the Secretary of Agriculture (acting through the Chief of the Forest Service),
to remain available until expended.~~

~~(k) Termination of Authority.—The authority to carry out this section terminates on
September 30, 2034.~~

**SEC. 50302 SEC. —0302. TIMBER SALES AND LONG-
TERM CONTRACTING FOR THE FOREST SERVICE AND
THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT.**

(a) Forest Service.—

(1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

(A) FOREST PLAN.—The term “forest plan” means a land and resource management
plan prepared by the Secretary for a unit of the National Forest System pursuant to
section 6 of the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act of 1974 (16
U.S.C. 1604).

(B) NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—The term “National Forest System” means land of the
National Forest System (as defined in section 11(a) of the Forest and Rangeland
Renewable Resources Planning Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. 1609(a))) administered by
the Secretary.

(ii) EXCLUSIONS.—The term “National Forest System” does not include any
forest reserve not created from the public domain.

(C) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Agriculture, acting
through the Chief of the Forest Service.

(2) TIMBER SALES ON PUBLIC DOMAIN FOREST RESERVES.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—For each of fiscal years 2026 through 2034, the Secretary shall
sell timber annually on National Forest System land in a total quantity that is not less
than 250,000,000 board-feet greater than the quantity of board-feet sold in the previous
fiscal year.

(B) LIMITATION.—The timber sales under subparagraph (A) shall be subject to the
maximum allowable sale quantity of timber or the projected timber sale quantity under
the applicable forest plan in effect on the date of enactment of this Act.

(3) LONG-TERM CONTRACTING FOR THE FOREST SERVICE.—

(A) LONG-TERM CONTRACTING.—For the period of fiscal years 2025 through 2034, the Secretary shall enter into not fewer than 40 long-term timber sale contracts with private persons or other public or private entities under subsection (a) of section 14 of the National Forest Management Act of 1976 (16 U.S.C. 472a) for the sale of national forest materials (as defined in subsection (e)(1) of that section) in the National Forest System.

(B) CONTRACT LENGTH.—The period of a timber sale contract entered into to meet the requirement under subparagraph (A) shall be not less than 20 years, with options for extensions or renewals, as determined by the Secretary.

(C) RECEIPTS.—Any monies derived from a timber sale contract entered into to meet the requirements under subparagraphs (A) and (B) shall be deposited in the general fund of the Treasury.

(b) Bureau of Land Management.—

(1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

(A) PUBLIC LANDS.—The term “public lands” has the meaning given the term in section 103 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1702).

(B) RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN.—The term “resource management plan” means a land use plan prepared for public lands under section 202 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1712).

(C) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Director of the Bureau of Land Management.

(2) TIMBER SALES ON PUBLIC LANDS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—For each of fiscal years 2026 through 2034, the Secretary shall sell timber annually on public lands in a total quantity that is not less than 20,000,000 board-feet greater than the quantity of board-feet sold in the previous fiscal year.

(B) LIMITATION.—The timber sales under subparagraph (A) shall be subject to the applicable resource management plan in effect on the date of enactment of this Act.

(3) LONG-TERM CONTRACTING FOR THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT.—

(A) LONG-TERM CONTRACTING.—For the period of fiscal years 2025 through 2034, the Secretary shall enter into not fewer than 5 long-term contracts with private persons or other public or private entities under section 1 of the Act of July 31, 1947 (commonly known as the “Materials Act of 1947”) (61 Stat. 681, chapter 406; 30 U.S.C. 601), for the disposal of vegetative materials described in that section on public lands.

(B) CONTRACT LENGTH.—The period of a contract entered into to meet the requirement under subparagraph (A) shall be not less than 20 years, with options for extensions or renewals, as determined by the Secretary.

(C) RECEIPTS.—Any monies derived from a contract entered into to meet the requirements under subparagraphs (A) and (B) shall be deposited in the general fund of

the Treasury.

SEC. ~~0303~~ **50303**. RENEWABLE ENERGY FEES ON
FEDERAL LAND.

(a) Definitions.—In this section:

(1) ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT FACTOR.—The term “Annual Adjustment Factor” means 3 percent.

(2) ENCUMBRANCE FACTOR.—The term “Encumbrance Factor” means—

(A) 100 percent for a solar energy generation facility; and

(B) an amount determined by the Secretary, but not less than 10 percent for a wind energy generation facility.

(3) NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The term “National Forest System” means land of the National Forest System (as defined in section 11(a) of the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. 1609(a))) administered by the Secretary of Agriculture.

(B) EXCLUSION.—The term “National Forest System” does not include any forest reserve not created from the public domain.

(4) PER-ACRE RATE.—The term “Per-Acre Rate”, with respect to a right-of-way, means the average of the per-acre pastureland rental rates published in the Cash Rents Survey by the National Agricultural Statistics Service for the State in which the right-of-way is located over the 5 calendar-year period preceding the issuance or renewal of the right-of-way.

(5) PROJECT.—The term “project” means a system described in section 2801.9(a)(4) of title 43, Code of Federal Regulations (as in effect on the date of enactment of this Act).

(6) PUBLIC LAND.—The term “public land” means—

(A) public lands (as defined in section 103 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1702)); and

(B) National Forest System land.

(7) RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECT.—The term “renewable energy project” means a project located on public land that uses wind or solar energy to generate energy.

(8) RIGHT-OF-WAY.—The term “right-of-way” has the meaning given the term in section 103 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1702).

(9) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means—

(A) the Secretary of the Interior, with respect to land controlled or administered by the Secretary of the Interior; and

(B) the Secretary of Agriculture, with respect to National Forest System land.

(b) Acreage Rent for Wind and Solar Rights-of-way.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Pursuant to section 504(g) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1764(g)), the Secretary shall, subject to paragraph (3) and not later than January 1 of each calendar year, collect from the holder of a right-of-way for a renewable energy project an acreage rent in an amount determined by the equation described in paragraph (2).

(2) CALCULATION OF ACREAGE RENT RATE.—

(A) EQUATION.—The amount of an acreage rent collected under paragraph (1) shall be determined using the following equation: $\text{Acreage rent} = A \div B \div ((1 + C) \div D)$.

(B) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of the equation described in subparagraph (A):

- (i) The letter “A” means the Per-Acre Rate.
- (ii) The letter “B” means the Encumbrance Factor.
- (iii) The letter “C” means the Annual Adjustment Factor.
- (iv) The letter “D” means the year in the term of the right-of-way.

(3) PAYMENT UNTIL PRODUCTION.—The holder of a right-of-way for a renewable energy project shall pay an acreage rent collected under paragraph (1) until the date on which energy generation begins.

(c) Capacity Fees.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall, subject to paragraph (3), annually collect a capacity fee from the holder of a right-of-way for a renewable energy project based on the amount described in paragraph (2).

(2) CALCULATION OF CAPACITY FEE.—The amount of a capacity fee collected under paragraph (1) shall be equal to the greater of—

(A) an amount equal to the acreage rent described in subsection (b); and

(B) ~~4.58~~ **3.9** percent of the gross proceeds from the sale of electricity produced by the renewable energy project.

(3) MULTIPLE-USE REDUCTION FACTOR.—

(A) APPLICATION.—The holder of a right-of-way for a wind energy generation project may request that the Secretary apply a multiple-use reduction factor of 10-percent to the amount of a capacity fee determined under paragraph (2) by submitting to the Secretary an application at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Secretary may require.

(B) APPROVAL.—The Secretary may approve an application submitted under subparagraph (A) only if not less than 25 percent of the land within the area of the right-of-way is authorized for use, occupancy, or development with respect to an activity other than the generation of wind energy for the entirety of the year in which the capacity fee is collected.

(C) LATE DETERMINATION.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—If the Secretary approves an application under subparagraph (B) for a wind energy generation project after the date on which the holder of the

right-of-way for the project begins paying a capacity fee, the Secretary shall apply the multiple-use reduction factor described in subparagraph (A) to the capacity fee for the first year beginning after the date of approval and each year thereafter for the period during which the right-of-way remains in effect.

(ii) REFUND.—The Secretary may not refund the holder of a right-of-way for the difference in the amount of a capacity fee paid in a previous year.

(d) Late Payment Fee; Termination.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may charge the holder of a right-of-way for a renewable energy project a late payment fee if the Secretary does not receive payment for the acreage rent under subsection (b) or the capacity fee under subsection (c) by the date that is 15 days after the date on which the payment was due.

(2) TERMINATION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY.—The Secretary may terminate a right-of-way for a renewable energy project if the Secretary does not receive payment for the acreage rent under subsection (b) or the capacity fee under subsection (c) by the date that is 90 days after the date on which the payment was due.

~~(e) Ensuring Fee Certainty.—Section 3103 of the Energy Act of 2020 (43 U.S.C. 3003) is repealed.~~

~~SEC. —0304~~ **SEC. 50304.** RENEWABLE ENERGY
REVENUE SHARING.

(a) Definitions.—In this section:

(1) COUNTY.—The term “county” includes a parish, township, borough, and any other similar, independent unit of local government.

(2) COVERED LAND.—The term “covered land” means land that is—

(A) public land administered by the Secretary; and

(B) not excluded from the development of solar or wind energy under—

(i) a land use plan; or

(ii) other Federal law.

(3) NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The term “National Forest System” means land of the National Forest System (as defined in section 11(a) of the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. 1609(a))) administered by the Secretary of Agriculture.

(B) EXCLUSION.—The term “National Forest System” does not include any forest reserve not created from the public domain.

(4) PUBLIC LAND.—The term “public land” means—

(A) public lands (as defined in section 103 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1702)); and

(B) National Forest System land.

(5) RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECT.—The term “renewable energy project” means a system described in section 2801.9(a)(4) of title 43, Code of Federal Regulations (as in effect on the date of enactment of this Act), located on covered land that uses wind or solar energy to generate energy.

(6) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means—

(A) the Secretary of the Interior, with respect to land controlled or administered by the Secretary of the Interior; and

(B) the Secretary of Agriculture, with respect to National Forest System land.

(b) Disposition of Revenue.—

(1) DISPOSITION OF REVENUES.—Beginning on January 1, 2026, the amounts collected from a renewable energy project as bonus bids, rentals, fees, or other payments under a right-of-way, permit, lease, or other authorization shall—

(A) be deposited in the general fund of the Treasury; and

(B) without further appropriation or fiscal year limitation, be allocated as follows:

(i) 25 percent shall be paid from amounts in the general fund of the Treasury to the State within the boundaries of which the revenue is derived.

(ii) 25 percent shall be paid from amounts in the general fund of the Treasury to each county in a State within the boundaries of which the revenue is derived, to be allocated among each applicable county based on the percentage of county land from which the revenue is derived.

(2) PAYMENTS TO STATES AND COUNTIES.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Amounts paid to States and counties under paragraph (1) shall be used in accordance with the requirements of section 35 of the Mineral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C. 191).

(B) PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES.—A payment to a county under paragraph (1) shall be in addition to a payment in lieu of taxes received by the county under chapter 69 of title 31, United States Code.

(C) TIMING.—The amounts required to be paid under paragraph (1)(B) for an applicable fiscal year shall be made available in the fiscal year that immediately follows the fiscal year for which the amounts were collected.

SEC. ~~0305. GEOTHERMAL LEASING.~~

~~(a) Annual Leasing.— Section 4(b)(2) of the Geothermal Steam Act of 1970 (30 U.S.C. 1003(b)(2)) is amended—~~

~~(1) by striking “The Secretary” and all that follows through “2 years” and inserting the following:~~

1 ~~“(A) In general. — The Secretary shall hold a competitive lease~~
2 ~~sale not less frequently than annually”; and~~

3 ~~(2) by adding at the end the following:~~

4 ~~“(B) Replacement sales. — The Secretary shall conduct a~~
5 ~~replacement sale under subparagraph (A) during the same~~
6 ~~applicable fiscal year if —~~

7 ~~“(i) a lease sale under that subparagraph is delayed, cancelled, or~~
8 ~~deferred, including for a lack of eligible parcels; or~~

9 ~~“(ii) during a lease sale under that subparagraph, the percentage~~
10 ~~of acreage that does not receive a bid is equal to or greater than~~
11 ~~50 percent of the total acreage offered.~~

12 ~~“(C) Requirements. — In conducting a lease sale under~~
13 ~~subparagraph (A), the Secretary shall —~~

14 ~~“(i) offer all nominated parcels eligible for geothermal~~
15 ~~development and utilization under a land use plan developed or~~
16 ~~revised pursuant to section 202 of the Federal Land Policy and~~
17 ~~Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1712);~~

18 ~~“(ii) not restrict the parcels offered to 1 Bureau of Land~~
19 ~~Management field office within the applicable State unless all~~
20 ~~nominated parcels are located within the same Bureau of Land~~
21 ~~Management field office;~~

22 ~~“(iii) ensure that any geothermal lease sale required under that~~
23 ~~subparagraph is conducted immediately on completion of all~~
24 ~~applicable requirements for scoping, public comment, and~~
25 ~~environmental analysis under the National Environmental Policy~~
26 ~~Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.); and~~

27 ~~“(iv) ensure that the processes described in clause (iii) are~~
28 ~~conducted in a timely manner to ensure compliance with this~~

subsection.”.

(b) Land Requirements.— Section 3 of the Geothermal Steam Act of 1970 (30 U.S.C. 1002) is amended—

(1) by striking “Subject to” and all that follows through “of the Interior” and inserting the following:

“(a) Issuance of Leases.— Subject to section 15, the Secretary”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(b) Nomination of Parcels.—

“(1) Definitions.— In this subsection:

“(A) National forest system.—

“(i) In general.— The term ‘National Forest System’ means land of the National Forest System (as defined in section 11(a) of the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. 1609(a))) administered by the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the Chief of the Forest Service.

“(ii) Exclusion.— The term ‘National Forest System’ does not include any forest reserve not created from the public domain.

“(B) Parcel of land.— The term ‘parcel of land’ means a parcel of—

“(i) public lands (as defined in section 103 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1702)); or

“(ii) National Forest System land.

“(2) Availability.— The Secretary shall make available a parcel of land subject to disposition under this Act that is known or believed to contain geothermal resources not later than 18 months after the date on which the Secretary receives an

1 applicable nomination form, if the Secretary determines that the
2 parcel of land is open for the development and utilization of
3 geothermal resources under an approved resource management
4 plan that —

5 “(A) is applicable to the planning area in which the parcel of
6 land is located; and

7 “(B) is in effect on the date the applicable nomination form is
8 submitted.

9 “(3) Resource management plans. —

10 “(A) In general. — A lease issued by the Secretary under this Act
11 with respect to an applicable parcel of land made available for
12 leasing —

13 “(i) shall be subject to the terms and conditions of the applicable
14 approved resource management plan; and

15 “(ii) may not require any stipulations or mitigation requirements
16 not included in that applicable approved resource management
17 plan.

18 “(B) Effect of amendment. — The initiation of an amendment to
19 an approved resource management plan shall not prevent or
20 delay the Secretary from making the applicable parcel of land
21 available for leasing in accordance with that approved resource
22 management plan if the other requirements of this Act have been
23 met, as determined by the Secretary.

24 “(4) Savings clause. — Nothing in this subsection affects the
25 availability of leasing of forest reserves not created from the
26 public domain under subsection (a).”.

27 SEC. — 0306. GEOTHERMAL ROYALTIES.

28 Section 5(a)(1) of the Geothermal Steam Act of 1970 (30 U.S.C.

~~1004(a)(1)) is amended—~~

~~(1) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by inserting “,~~
~~with respect to an electric generating facility producing~~
~~electricity” after “that shall be”; and~~

~~(2) by striking “from such resources” each place it appears and~~
~~inserting “by that facility from geothermal resources”.~~

~~SEC. 0307~~ **50305**. RESCISSION OF NATIONAL PARK
SERVICE AND BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
FUNDS.

There are rescinded the unobligated balances of amounts made available by the following
sections of Public Law 117–169 (commonly known as the “Inflation Reduction Act of 2022”)
(136 Stat. 1818):

(1) Section 50221 (136 Stat. 2052).

(2) Section 50222 (136 Stat. 2052).

(3) Section 50223 (136 Stat. 2052).

~~SEC. 0308~~ **50306**. CELEBRATING AMERICA’S 250TH
ANNIVERSARY.

In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Secretary of the
Interior for fiscal year 2025, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated,
\$150,000,000 ~~for~~ **surrounding** events, celebrations, and activities **within the National Park**
System related to the observance and commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the founding
of the United States, to remain available through fiscal year 2028.

Subtitle D—Energy

~~SEC. 50401—0401. NATURAL GAS EXPORTS AND~~
~~IMPORTS.~~

~~Section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (15 U.S.C. 717b) is amended~~
~~by adding at the end the following:~~

~~“(g) Charge for Exportation or Importation of Natural Gas.—~~
~~The Secretary of Energy shall, by rule, impose and collect, for~~
~~each application to export natural gas from the United States to a~~
~~foreign country with which there is not in effect a free trade~~

1 ~~agreement requiring national treatment for trade in natural gas,~~
2 ~~or to import natural gas from such a foreign country, a~~
3 ~~nonrefundable charge of \$1,000,000, and, for purposes of~~
4 ~~subsection (a), the importation or exportation of natural gas that~~
5 ~~is proposed in an application for which such a nonrefundable~~
6 ~~charge was imposed and collected shall be deemed to be in the~~
7 ~~public interest, and such an application shall be granted without~~
8 ~~modification or delay.”.~~

9 **SEC. ~~0402~~. STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVE.**

10 (a) Energy Policy and Conservation Act Definitions.—In this section, the terms “related
11 facility”, “storage facility”, and “Strategic Petroleum Reserve” have the meanings given those
12 terms in section 152 of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6232).

13 (b) Appropriations.—In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the
14 Department of Energy for fiscal year 2025, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise
15 appropriated, to remain available until September 30, 2029—

16 (1) \$218,000,000 for maintenance of, including repairs to, storage facilities and related
17 facilities of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve; and

18 (2) ~~\$660,500,000~~ **\$510,500,000** to acquire, by purchase, petroleum products for storage
19 in the Strategic Petroleum Reserve.

20 (c) Repeal of Strategic Petroleum Reserve Drawdown and Sale Mandate.—Section 20003 of
21 Public Law 115–97 (42 U.S.C. 6241 note) is repealed.

22 **SEC. ~~0403~~. **50402**. REPEALS; RESCISSIONS.**

23 (a) ~~In General.~~ Each of the sections described in subsection (b) are **Repeal and**
24 **Rescission.—Section 50142 of Public Law 117–169 (136 Stat. 2044) (commonly known as**
25 **the “Inflation Reduction Act of 2022”)** is repealed and the unobligated ~~balances~~ **balance** of
26 amounts made available under ~~each of those sections~~ **that section** (as in effect on the day before
27 the date of enactment of this Act) ~~are rescinded.~~ **is rescinded.**

28 ~~(b) Sections Described.~~ **The(b) Rescissions.—**

29 **(1) IN GENERAL.—The unobligated balances of amounts made available under the**
30 **sections described in paragraph (2) are rescinded.**

31 **(2) SECTIONS DESCRIBED.—The** sections referred to in ~~subsection (a)~~ **paragraph (1)** are
32 the following sections of Public Law 117–169 (commonly known as the “Inflation
33 Reduction Act of 2022”)(~~136 Stat. 1818~~)::

34 ~~(1)(A)~~ **(A)** Section 50123 (42 U.S.C. 18795b).

35 ~~(2)(B)~~ **(B)** Section 50141 (136 Stat. 2042).

(3)(C) Section 50142 50144 (136 Stat. 2044).

(4) Section 50144 (136 Stat. 2044).

(5)(D) Section 50145 (136 Stat. 2045).

(6)(E) Section 50151 (42 U.S.C. 18715).

(7)(F) Section 50152 (42 U.S.C. 18715a).

(8)(G) Section 50153 (42 U.S.C. 18715b).

(9)(H) Section 50161 (42 U.S.C. 17113b).

(c) Energy Infrastructure Reinvestment Financing. ~~Section 1706 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 16517) is repealed and the unobligated balances of amounts made available to carry out that section (as in effect on the day before the date of enactment of this Act) are rescinded.~~

~~SEC. 1706.~~ SEC. 50403. ENERGY DOMINANCE FINANCING.

(a) In General. ~~Title XVII General.—Section 1706 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 16511 et seq.) (as amended by section 1703) is amended—~~

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) in paragraph (1), by striking “or” at the end;

(B) in paragraph (2), by striking “avoid” and all that follows through the period at the end and inserting “increase capacity or output; or”; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

“SEC. 1706. ENERGY DOMINANCE FINANCING.

“(a) In General. Notwithstanding section 1703 and subject to the provisions of this section, the Secretary may make guarantees, including refinancing, under this section only for projects that—

“(1) retool, repower, repurpose, or replace energy infrastructure that has ceased operations; or

“(2) enable operating energy infrastructure to increase capacity or output.

“(b) Inclusion. A project under subsection (a) may include the remediation of environmental damage associated with energy infrastructure.

“(c) Application. To apply for a guarantee under this section, an applicant shall submit to the Secretary an application at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Secretary may require, including—

“(1) a detailed plan describing the proposed project; and

“(2) in the case of an applicant that is an electric utility, an assurance that the electric utility shall pass on any financial benefit from the guarantee made under this section to the customers of, or associated communities served by, the electric utility.

“(d) Term. Notwithstanding section 1702(f), the term of an obligation shall require full repayment over a period not to exceed 30 years.

“(e) Limitations.—

“(1) Certification. The Secretary may not make a loan guarantee for a project under this section unless the President has certified in advance, in writing, that the loan guarantee and the project comply with the provisions of this section.

“(2) Denial of double benefit. Except as provided in paragraph (3), the Secretary may not make a loan guarantee for a project under this section for which funds, personnel, or property (tangible or intangible) of any Federal agency, instrumentality, personnel, or affiliated entity are expected to be used (directly or indirectly), including through acquisitions, contracts, demonstrations, exchanges, grants, incentives, leases, procurements, sales, other transaction authority, or any other arrangement to support the project or to obtain goods or services from the project.

“(3) Exception. The prohibition under paragraph (2) shall not apply to—

“(A) projects benefitting from allowable Federal tax benefits;

“(B) projects benefitting from being located on Federal land pursuant to a lease or right of-way agreement for which all consideration for all uses is—

“(i) paid exclusively in cash;

“(ii) deposited in the Treasury as offsetting receipts; and

“(iii) equal to the fair market value;

“(C) projects benefitting from the Federal insurance program under section 170 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2210); or

“(D) electric generation projects using transmission facilities owned or operated by a Federal power marketing administration or the Tennessee Valley Authority that have been authorized, approved, and financed independent of the project receiving the loan guarantee.

“(f) Definition of Energy Infrastructure. In this section, the term ‘energy infrastructure’ means a facility, and associated equipment, used for“(3) support or enable the provision of known or forecastable electric supply at time intervals necessary to maintain or enhance grid reliability or other system adequacy needs.”;

(2) by striking subsection (c);

(3) by redesignating subsections (d) through (f) as subsections (c) through (e), respectively;

(4) in subsection (c) (as so redesignated)—

(A) in paragraph (1), by adding “and” at the end;

1 (B) by striking paragraph (2); and

2 (C) by redesignating paragraph (3) as paragraph (2);

3 (5) in subsection (e) (as so redesignated), by striking “for—” in the matter preceding
4 paragraph (1) and all that follows through the period at the end of paragraph (2) and
5 inserting “for enabling the identification, leasing, development, production, processing,
6 transportation, transmission, refining, and generation needed for energy and critical
7 minerals; minerals.”; and

8 “(g) Funding.—In(6) by adding at the end the following:

9 “(f) Funding.—

10 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to
11 the Secretary for fiscal year 2025, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise
12 appropriated, \$660,500,000, to remain available through September 30, 2028, to carry out
13 activities under this section.” section.

14 (b) Clerical Amendment.—The table of contents for title XVII of the Energy Policy Act
15 of 2005 (Public Law 10958; 119 Stat. 594; 123 Stat. 145) is amended by inserting after the
16 item relating to section 1705 the following:“(2) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—Of the amount
17 made available under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall use not more than 3 percent
18 for administrative expenses.”.

19 “Sec.1706.Energy dominance financing.”.(b) Commitment Authority.—Section 50144(b) of
20 Public Law 117–169 (commonly known as the “Inflation Reduction Act of 2022”) (136 Stat.
21 2045) is amended by striking “2026” and inserting “2028”.

22 SEC. 50404. TRANSFORMATIONAL ARTIFICIAL 23 INTELLIGENCE MODELS.

24 (a) Definitions.—In this section:

25 (1) AMERICAN SCIENCE CLOUD.—The term “American science cloud” means a
26 system of United States government, academic, and private sector programs and
27 infrastructures utilizing cloud computing technologies to facilitate and support
28 scientific research, data sharing, and computational analysis across various disciplines
29 while ensuring compliance with applicable legal, regulatory, and privacy standards.

30 (2) ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE.—The term “artificial intelligence” has the meaning
31 given the term in section 5002 of the National Artificial Intelligence Initiative Act of
32 2020 (15 U.S.C. 9401).

33 (b) Transformational Models.—The Secretary of Energy shall—

34 (1) mobilize National Laboratories to partner with industry sectors within the
35 United States to curate the scientific data of the Department of Energy across the
36 National Laboratory complex so that the data is structured, cleaned, and preprocessed
37 in a way that makes it suitable for use in artificial intelligence and machine learning
38 models; and

39 (2) initiate seed efforts for self-improving artificial intelligence models for science

and engineering powered by the data described in paragraph (1).

(c) Uses.—

(1) MICROELECTRONICS.—The curated data described in subsection (b)(1) may be used to rapidly develop next-generation microelectronics that have greater capabilities beyond Moore’s law while requiring lower energy consumption.

(2) NEW ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES.—The artificial intelligence models developed under subsection (b)(2) shall be provided to the scientific community through the American science cloud to accelerate innovation in discovery science and engineering for new energy technologies.

(d) Appropriations.—There is appropriated, out of any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, \$150,000,000, to remain available through September 30, 2026, to carry out this section.

Subtitle E—Water

~~SEC. —0501.~~ **50501. WATER CONVEYANCE AND
SURFACE WATER STORAGE ENHANCEMENT.**

In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Commissioner of Reclamation, for fiscal year 2025, out of any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, ~~\$500,000,000~~ **\$1,000,000,000**, to remain available through September 30, 2034, for construction and associated activities that restore or increase the capacity or use of existing conveyance facilities constructed by the Bureau of Reclamation **or for construction and associated activities that increase the capacity of existing Bureau of Reclamation surface water storage facilities**, in a manner as determined by the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Commissioner of Reclamation: **Provided, That, for the purposes of section 203 of the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982 (43 U.S.C. 390cc) or section 3404(a) of the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 (Public Law 102–575; 106 Stat. 4708), a contract or agreement entered into pursuant to this section shall not be treated as a new or amended contract: Provided further,** That none of the funds provided under this section shall be reimbursable or subject to matching or cost-sharing requirements.