

## HR 1902

Protect Our Public Lands Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Public Lands and Natural Resources

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## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	May 19, 2015

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

## Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## Summary (as of Apr 21, 2015)

### Protect Our Public Lands Act

This bill amends the Mineral Leasing Act to require a lease on public land for developing deposits of coal, petroleum, natural gas, and other hydrocarbons to prohibit a lessee from conducting hydraulic fracturing activity under the lease. Hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, is a process to extract underground resources such as oil or gas from a geologic formation by injecting water, a propping agent (e.g., sand), and chemical additives into a well under enough pressure to fracture the geological formation. The bill excludes from hydraulic fracturing any enhanced secondary recovery, including water flooding, tertiary recovery, and other types of well stimulation operations.

The bill is applicable only upon the renewal or adjustment of a lease.

## Actions Timeline

- **May 19, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.
- **Apr 21, 2015:** Introduced in House
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