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National Strategic and Critical Minerals Production Act

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	May 21, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of May 7, 2019)

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This bill addresses the mine permitting process.

Under the bill, projects that provide minerals vital to job creation, energy infrastructure, coastal resilience and restoration, American economic competitiveness, and national security must be considered to be *infrastructure projects* as described in Executive Order 13807, titled *Establishing Discipline and Accountability in the Environmental Review and Permitting Process for Infrastructure Projects* and dated August 15, 2017. This order directed federal agencies to ensure that the environmental review and permitting process for infrastructure is coordinated, predictable, and transparent.

The bill sets forth general requirements for an existing mineral exploration or mine permit application.

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) or the Forest Service shall appoint a project lead for the mine permitting process to coordinate with other agencies to ensure that the agencies minimize delays, set and adhere to timelines for completion of the permitting process, set clear permitting goals, and track progress against goals.

The requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 are satisfied if the BLM or the Forest Service determines that the agency issuing the permit will address specified factors, such as environmental impact, alternatives to issuance of the permit, or any irreversible and irretrievable commitment of resources that would be involved in the proposed action.

Projects on National Forest System land shall be exempt from regulations that prohibit timber tree cutting and road construction in areas without roads.

Actions Timeline

- **May 21, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.
- **May 7, 2019:** Introduced in House
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