

HR 5737

Voluntary Grazing Permit Retirement Act

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 3, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Voluntary Grazing Permit Retirement Act

This bill authorizes the voluntary waiver of permits or leases for grazing on federal lands in the 16 western states (i.e., Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming) managed by the Department of Agriculture or the Department of the Interior.

If a permit or lease is waived by a permittee or lessee with the intention of permanently ending livestock grazing, the appropriate department must

- accept and terminate, on a first-come, first-served basis, the permit or lease;
- refrain from issuing any new grazing permit or lease within the grazing allotment covered by the permit or lease; and
- ensure a permanent end to livestock grazing on the allotment covered by the permit or lease.

If an allotment covered by a waiver is also covered by another permit or lease that is not waived, the department must reduce the level of commercial livestock grazing on the allotment to reflect the waiver.

The departments must not accept more than (1) 100 grazing permits and leases per year, in the aggregate for all of the 16 western states; and (2) 25 grazing permits for land located in whole or in part in any individual state.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 3, 2020:** Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands.
- **Jan 30, 2020:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 30, 2020:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.