

## HR 4504

### Tribal Biochar Promotion Act of 2021

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Native Americans

**Introduced:** Jul 19, 2021

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry. (Aug 11, 2021)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/4504>

## Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. LaMalfa, Doug [R-CA-1]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** House

## Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Bentz, Cliff [R-OR-2]	R · OR		Jul 19, 2021
Rep. Newhouse, Dan [R-WA-4]	R · WA		Jul 19, 2021
Rep. Obernolte, Jay [R-CA-8]	R · CA		Jul 19, 2021
Rep. Rosendale Sr., Matthew M. [R-MT-At Large]	R · MT		Jul 19, 2021
Rep. Westerman, Bruce [R-AR-4]	R · AR		Jul 19, 2021

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 11, 2021
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 3, 2021
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## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Native Americans

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 5118	Related bill	Aug 2, 2022: Received in the Senate.
117 HR 4614	Related bill	Aug 11, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.

## **Tribal Biochar Promotion Act of 2021**

This bill establishes biochar demonstration projects. *Biochar* refers to carbonized biomass produced by converting feedstock through reductive thermal processing for nonfuel uses.

Specifically, the bill directs the Department of the Interior (for land under Bureau of Land Management jurisdiction) and the Department of Agriculture (for land under Forest Service jurisdiction) to enter into agreements with tribes or tribal organizations to carry out biochar demonstration projects. These projects must support the development and commercialization of biochar on Indian forest land or rangeland and in nearby communities by providing them with reliable supplies of feedstock from federal lands.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Aug 11, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.
- **Aug 3, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States.
- **Aug 3, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands.
- **Jul 19, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 19, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.