

HJRES 140

Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Land Management relating to Public Land Order No. 7917 for Withdrawal of Federal Lands; Cook, Lake, and Saint Louis Counties, MN.

Congress: 119 (2025–2027, Current)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Stauber, Pete [R-MN-8]

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

Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Begich, Nicholas J. [R-AK-At Large]	R · AK		Jan 21, 2026
Rep. Finstad, Brad [R-MN-1]	R · MN		Jan 21, 2026
Rep. Luna, Anna Paulina [R-FL-13]	R · FL		Jan 21, 2026
Rep. Maloy, Celeste [R-UT-2]	R · UT		Jan 21, 2026

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 12, 2026

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
119 HRES 1009	Related bill	Jan 21, 2026: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

Summary (as of Jan 12, 2026)

This joint resolution nullifies Public Land Order 7917, which withdrew approximately 225,504 acres of National Forest System lands in Cook, Lake, and Saint Louis Counties, Minnesota, from mineral and geothermal leasing for 20 years. In 2023, the Bureau of Land Management issued the order to protect and preserve the Rainy River Watershed, the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness, the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness Mining Protection Area, and the 1854 Ceded Territory of the Lake Superior Chippewa from the potential adverse effects of mineral and geothermal exploration and development. The joint resolution removes such protections and allows such land to be leased for the exploration and development of minerals and geothermal energy.

Actions Timeline

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