

H.R. 3397 –

To require the Director of the Bureau of Land Management to withdraw a rule of the Bureau of Land Management relating to conservation and landscape health.

- The Biden Administration’s rule undermines the Federal Land Policy and Management Act’s (FLPMA) multiple-use requirement for Bureau of Land Management (BLM) lands, hindering access to public lands for energy and critical mineral development, grazing, forest management, and recreation.
- More than 90% of BLM’s 245 million acres are located in the Western United States, and the rule would disproportionately impact Western recreationalists, ranchers and mineral producers.
 - o And a lot of that land is located in Utah.
- This rule undermines the work of real conservationists, like farmers and ranchers who have kept the land in good health for generations.
- It would create increased risk for wildfires as lands prone to disaster would be locked up and not properly managed.
- It would also hinder American energy independence by making it harder to produce oil, gas and coal while also making it more difficult to site and build renewable energy facilities.
- Utahans are proud of our land and want to share with recreationalists who come from all over the world to enjoy it. Under this rule, multiple use opportunities for recreationalists shrink drastically.
- Americans all over the country will feel the impact of this rule if implemented. Food costs will rise as the rule will impact grazing. Already too high energy prices will be further impacted as land used for critical energy development will be locked up.
- The rule would lock up lands through new “conservation leases” and by the identification of intact landscapes through the BLM’s Resource Management Plan process.
- The rule is a land grab disguised as a 30 x 30 accomplishment and must be revoked.