U.S. FEDERAL LANDS:

A Significant Source of Abundant Mineral Wealth

Putting These Lands Off-Limits Increases Import Reliance, Harming Innovation and Growth

$6.2 TRILLION

is the estimated worth of mineral resources that remain locked underground.

Cu Copper

Ag Silver

Zn Zinc

When it comes to these and other key minerals, "what is left to be discovered in the U.S. is almost as much as what has been discovered." (Source: USGS)

Half of U.S. mineral-rich land

is either off-limits or restricted for mineral development and additional withdrawals are under consideration.

Discovery is not simple.

Years of exploration, drilling and confirmation are required to determine if a deposit will beat the **1:10,000 odds** of becoming an operating mine.

We must be able to explore the land and discover new mineral deposits.

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The Latest Challenge

Currently, the U.S. Department of the Interior is recommending the withdrawal of 10 million acres of federal land from mining to protect sage grouse—a bird that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service says is not endangered.

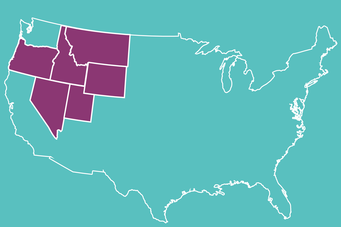
The Reality

The real threats to the sage grouse are **wildfires** and **invasive species.**

Mining operations restore low-value habitats into prime habitats by **eliminating invasive species,** reducing risk of wildfires and improving breeding areas.

Mining operations are heavily regulated and must **adhere to stringent environmental laws** at local, state and federal levels.

The Impacted States



IDAHO	Phosphate, silver
MONTANA	Molybdenum, copper, platinum, gold
NEVADA	Gold, copper, silver, lime, gypsum
OREGON	Cement stone, lime
UTAH	Molybdenum, copper, magnesium, potash, salt, beryllium
WYOMING	Uranium

What this means for the U.S.

Federal land withdrawals and other restrictions including ill-considered monument designations and wilderness declarations hurt the U.S. economy, resource supply security and innovation. Blocking access to land that may be mineral-rich impacts nearly every facet of our increasingly technological world.

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