

Environment & Energy Congressional Round-Up | July 7 - July 11, 2025

Highlights:

The House Committee on Energy and Commerce passed the *Precision Agriculture Satellite Connectivity Act* ([H.R.1618](#)). Reintroduced by Reps. Bob Latta (R-Ohio) and Robin Kelly (D-Ill.), the bill would [help](#) farmers to integrate precision agriculture technologies into their operations.

The House Committee on Natural Resources advanced the *Wetlands Conservation and Access Improvement Act of 2025* ([H.R.2316](#)). Reps. Jeff Hurd (R-Colo.) and Sarah Elfreth (D-Md.) introduced the bill to continue to [channel funding](#) from hunting sales toward wildlife restoration efforts.

Rep. Val Hoyle (D-Ore.) and Sen. Jeff Merkley (D-Ore.) introduced the *Wildfire Resilient Communities Act* ([H.R.4295/S.2208](#)) to [provide](#) mandatory federal funding for wildfire prevention efforts, such as prescribed burns and brush removal. The bill would also increase funding for community wildfire defense grants. EESI's wildfire-focused Living with Climate Change [briefing](#) discusses policy solutions for reducing wildfire risk.

Sens. Alex Padilla (D-Calif.), Adam Schiff (D-Calif.), and Cory Booker (D-N.J.), and Reps. Juan Vargas (D-Calif.) and Scott Peters (D-Calif.) introduced the *Border Water Quality Restoration and Protection Act* ([S.2260/H.R.4357](#)). The bill aims to restore water quality on the Tijuana River and New River along the U.S.-Mexico border by clamping down on sewage and industrial waste flowing from Mexico into San Diego's beach communities. EESI's briefing series, [Resilient and Healthy Rivers](#), reviews the opportunities for policymakers to support the country's freshwater resources.

July 11, 2025

The House and Senate did not meet today.

July 10, 2025

House:

Bills Introduced:

[H.R.4308](#)

To amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to reauthorize the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Stanton, Greg \[Rep.-D-AZ-4\]](#) Cosponsors: (3)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 07/10/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

[H.R.4325](#)

To amend the Clean Air Act to provide for the establishment of standards to limit the carbon intensity of the fuel used by certain vessels, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Garcia, Robert \[Rep.-D-CA-42\]](#) Cosponsors: (5)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 07/10/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

[H.R.4338](#)

To develop weather tools for electricity system planning and operational modeling, expand research on extreme weather event scenarios for energy utility companies and regulators, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Leger Fernandez, Teresa \[Rep.-D-NM-3\]](#) Cosponsors: (3)

Committees: House - Science, Space, and Technology

Latest Action: House - 07/10/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

[H.R.4339](#)

To direct the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a renewable energy grant program for territories of the United States, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Lieu, Ted \[Rep.-D-CA-36\]](#) Cosponsors: (3)

Committees: House - Agriculture; Science, Space, and Technology; Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 07/10/2025 Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committees on Science, Space, and Technology, and Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker.

[H.R.4341](#)

To require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to assess certain fees on shipping and other vessels, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Matsui, Doris O. \[Rep.-D-CA-7\]](#) Cosponsors: ([1](#))

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Transportation and Infrastructure; Science, Space, and Technology; Natural Resources; Ways and Means

Latest Action: House - 07/10/2025 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, Science, Space, and Technology, Natural Resources, and Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker.

H.R.4347

To amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to provide employment and training data grants, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Salinas, Andrea \[Rep.-D-OR-6\]](#) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 07/10/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

H.R.4350

To establish a loan program to expand capabilities to manufacture critical materials to secure the United States supply chain, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide credits for qualified investments into critical material facilities and production credits for manufacturing critical materials, and to authorize cross-cutting research, development, and demonstration activities relating to critical material supply chains, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Stevens, Haley M. \[Rep.-D-MI-11\]](#) Cosponsors: ([1](#))

Committees: House - Ways and Means; Energy and Commerce; Natural Resources; Education and Workforce; Science, Space, and Technology

Latest Action: House - 07/10/2025 Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Natural Resources, Education and Workforce, and Science, Space, and Technology, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker.

H.R.4353

To direct the Secretary of Labor to conduct a study on the effectiveness of spending by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration to provide technical assistance and compliance assistance in relation to heat-related illness.

Sponsor: [Tenney, Claudia \[Rep.-R-NY-24\]](#) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: House - Education and Workforce

Latest Action: House - 07/10/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Education and Workforce.

[H.R.4354](#)

To require the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out a program to provide payments to producers experiencing certain crop losses as a result of a disaster.

Sponsor: [Thompson, Mike \[Rep.-D-CA-4\]](#) Cosponsors: ([4](#))

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 07/10/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

[H.R.4356](#)

To amend the Act commonly known as the Wild Free-roaming Horses and Burros Act to prohibit certain uses of aircraft with respect to the management of wild free-roaming horses and burros, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Titus, Dina \[Rep.-D-NV-1\]](#) Cosponsors: ([2](#))

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 07/10/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.R.4357](#)

To provide for the water quality restoration of the Tijuana River and the New River, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Vargas, Juan \[Rep.-D-CA-52\]](#) Cosponsors: ([4](#))

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure; Energy and Commerce; Natural Resources; Foreign Affairs; Budget

Latest Action: House - 07/10/2025 Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Natural Resources, Foreign Affairs, and the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker.

[H.J.Res.104](#)

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 "Miles City Field Office Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan Amendment".

Sponsor: [Downing, Troy \[Rep.-R-MT-2\]](#) Cosponsors: ([1](#))

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 07/10/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

[H.J.Res.105](#)

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 "North Dakota Field Office Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan".

Sponsor: [Fedorchak, Julie \[Rep.-R-ND-At Large\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 07/10/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

H.Res.568

Recognizing that climate change poses a growing threat to public health and necessitates coordinated action to mitigate its impacts and safeguard the health and well-being of all people in the United States.

Sponsor: [Barragán, Nanette Diaz \[Rep.-D-CA-44\]](#) Cosponsors: (11)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce; Natural Resources; Education and Workforce

Latest Action: House - 07/10/2025 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Natural Resources, and Education and Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker.

Bills Reported:

H.R.131

Finish the Arkansas Valley Conduit Act

Sponsor: [Boebert, Lauren \[Rep.-R-CO-4\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 07/10/2025 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 152.

H.R.504

Miccosukee Reserved Area Amendments Act

Sponsor: [Gimenez, Carlos A. \[Rep.-R-FL-28\]](#) Cosponsors: (3)

Committees: House - Natural Resources; Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 07/10/2025 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 154.

H.R.1618

Precision Agriculture Satellite Connectivity Act

Sponsor: [Latta, Robert E. \[Rep.-R-OH-5\]](#) Cosponsors: (2)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 07/10/2025 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 159.

H.R.2316

Wetlands Conservation and Access Improvement Act of 2025

Sponsor: [Hurd, Jeff \[Rep.-R-CO-3\]](#) Cosponsors: (3)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 07/10/2025 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 156.

H.R.3657

Hydropower Licensing Transparency Act

Sponsor: [Schrier, Kim \[Rep.-D-WA-8\]](#) Cosponsors: (3)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 07/10/2025 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 157.

Senate:

Bills Introduced:

S.2235

A bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to reauthorize the diesel emissions reduction program.

Sponsor: [Whitehouse, Sheldon \[Sen.-D-RI\]](#) Cosponsors: (5)

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 07/10/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S.2243

A bill to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to assess certain fees on shipping and other vessels, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Whitehouse, Sheldon \[Sen.-D-RI\]](#) Cosponsors: (3)

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 07/10/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S.2245

A bill to amend the Digital Coast Act to improve the acquisition, integration, and accessibility of data of the Digital Coast program and to extend the program.

Sponsor: [Baldwin, Tammy \[Sen.-D-WI\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Latest Action: Senate - 07/10/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

S.2247

A bill to enhance local capacity and expand local control over the disaster response, recovery, and preparedness process, to guarantee stable Federal funding streams for disaster-impacted communities, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Welch, Peter \[Sen.-D-VT\]](#) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: Senate - Finance

Latest Action: Senate - 07/10/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

S.2260

A bill to provide for the water quality restoration of the Tijuana River and the New River, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Padilla, Alex \[Sen.-D-CA\]](#) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 07/10/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S.2261

A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to provide for the establishment of standards to limit the carbon intensity of the fuel used by certain vessels, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Padilla, Alex \[Sen.-D-CA\]](#) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 07/10/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S.2262

A bill to amend the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 to clarify the nature of public investment for purposes of certain rulemaking, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Barrasso, John \[Sen.-R-WY\]](#) Cosponsors: ([4](#))

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 07/10/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S.J.Res.61

A joint resolution 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 "Miles City Field Office Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan Amendment".

Sponsor: [Daines, Steve \[Sen.-R-MT\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 07/10/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

[S.J.Res.62](#)

A joint resolution 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 "North Dakota Field Office Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan".

Sponsor: [Cramer, Kevin \[Sen.-R-ND\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 07/10/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

[S.Res.318](#)

A resolution recognizing that climate change poses a growing threat to public health and necessitates coordinated action to mitigate its impacts and safeguard the health and well-being of all people in the United States.

Sponsor: [Markey, Edward J. \[Sen.-D-MA\]](#) Cosponsors: (4)

Committees: Senate - Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Latest Action: Senate - 07/10/2025 Referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Bills Reported:

[S.2256](#)

An original bill making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Hoeven, John \[Sen.-R-ND\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: Senate - Appropriations

Committee Report: [S. Rept. 119-37](#)

Latest Action: Senate - 07/10/2025 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 112.

Committee Hearings:

FOREST SERVICE BUDGET

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a [hearing](#) to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2026 for the Forest Service, after receiving testimony from Tom Schultz, Chief of the Forest Service, Department of Agriculture.

July 9, 2025

House:

The House did not meet today.

Senate:

Bills Introduced:

S.2215

A bill to amend the Agricultural Credit Act of 1978 to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to provide for floodplain easement restoration and management, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Ernst, Joni \[Sen.-R-IA\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 07/09/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

S.2221

A bill to establish requirements under which the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior shall carry out the Timber Production Expansion Guaranteed Loan Program.

Sponsor: [Merkley, Jeff \[Sen.-D-OR\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 07/09/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

S.2226

A bill to exempt the Department of Defense from certain environmental protection activities.

Sponsor: [Cotton, Tom \[Sen.-R-AR\]](#) Cosponsors: ([0](#))
Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works
Latest Action: Senate - 07/09/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

July 8, 2025

House:

The House did not meet today.

Senate:

Bills Introduced:

S.2208

A bill to provide mandatory funding for hazardous fuels reduction projects on certain Federal land, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Merkley, Jeff \[Sen.-D-OR\]](#) Cosponsors: ([3](#))
Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
Latest Action: Senate - 07/08/2025 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

S.Res.313

A resolution honoring the Yell County Wildlife Federation.

Sponsor: [Cotton, Tom \[Sen.-R-AR\]](#) Cosponsors: ([1](#))
Committees: Senate - Judiciary
Latest Action: Senate - 07/08/2025 Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

July 7, 2025

House:

Bills Introduced:

H.R.4293

To amend the Sikes Act to increase flexibility with respect to cooperative and interagency agreements for land management off of installations.

Sponsor: [Ciscomani, Juan \[Rep.-R-AZ-6\]](#) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: House - Natural Resources; Armed Services

Latest Action: House - 07/07/2025 Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services.

H.R.4294

To direct the Secretary of Commerce to establish a pilot program with respect to the sale of blue catfish caught within the Chesapeake Bay Watershed.

Sponsor: [Elfreth, Sarah \[Rep.-D-MD-3\]](#) Cosponsors: ([3](#))

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 07/07/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

H.R.4295

To provide mandatory funding for hazardous fuels reduction projects on certain Federal land, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Hoyle, Val T. \[Rep.-D-OR-4\]](#) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: House - Natural Resources; Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 07/07/2025 Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture.

H.R.4296

To amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to address emissions of certain greenhouse gasses and carbon storage through conservation incentive contracts.

Sponsor: [Lawler, Michael \[Rep.-R-NY-17\]](#) Cosponsors: ([3](#))

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 07/07/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

H.R.4302

To accelerate subseasonal to seasonal prediction skills related to precipitation forecasts for water management in the western United States, improve atmospheric river forecasts across the country, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Obernolte, Jay \[Rep.-R-CA-23\]](#) Cosponsors: ([2](#))

Committees: House - Science, Space, and Technology

Latest Action: House - 07/07/2025 Referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

Senate:

No environmental or energy activity in the Senate today.