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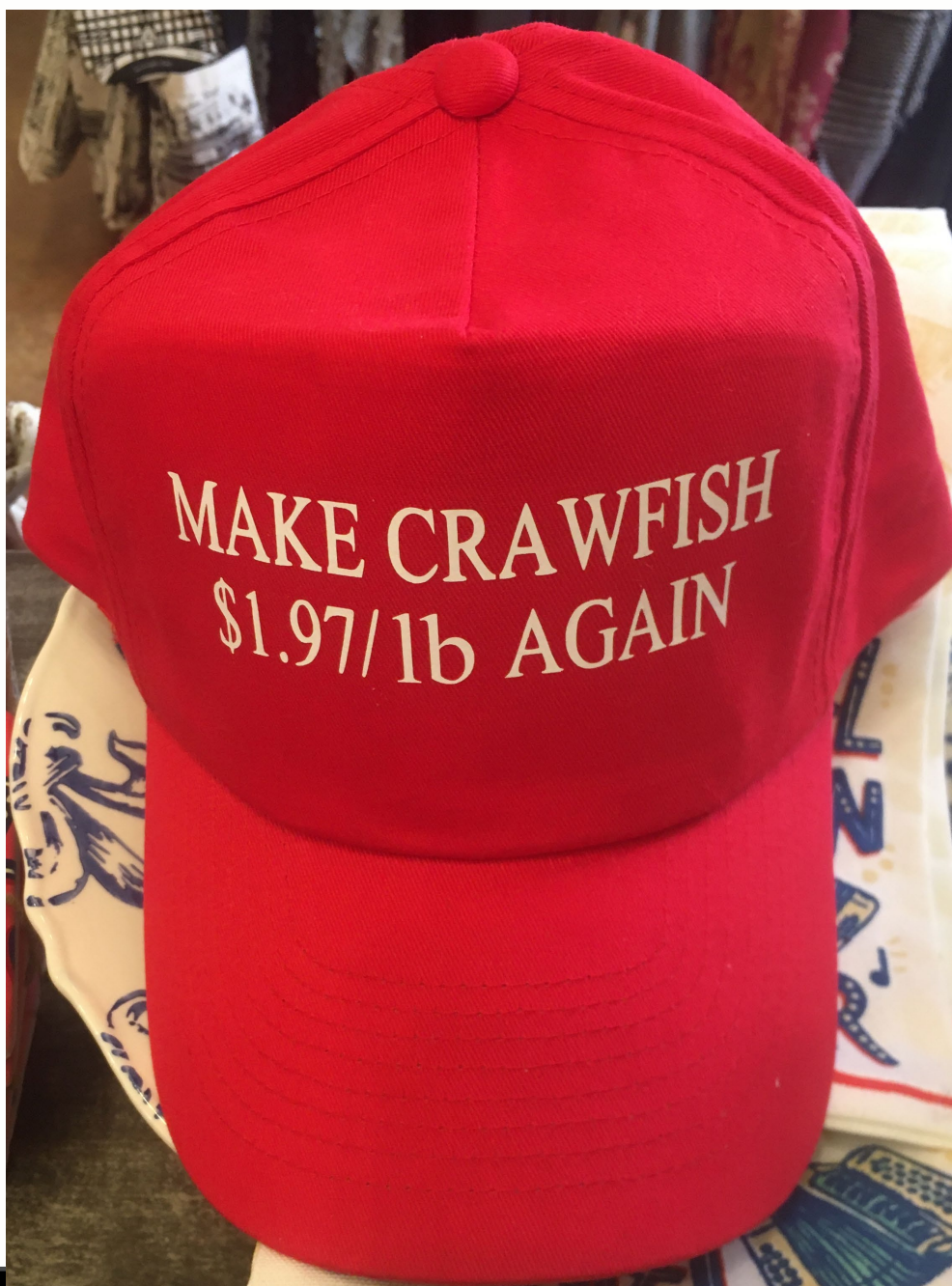
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Largest Oil Supply Disruption in History — IEA Releases 400 Million Emergency Barrels

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Historic emergency intervention 🚨 The IEA just unlocked 400 million barrels—their largest-ever reserve release—as the Strait of Hormuz closure creates the biggest oil supply crisis in history. Global crude production has plummeted, and this is reshaping energy markets worldwide.

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On Oil Prices, The Narrative Shifts to 'Higher for Longer'

By David Blackmon | March 24, 2026

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each morning?**

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*...and a cup
of coffee!*





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“You know, farming looks mighty easy when your plow is a pencil and you are a thousand miles from the cornfield.”



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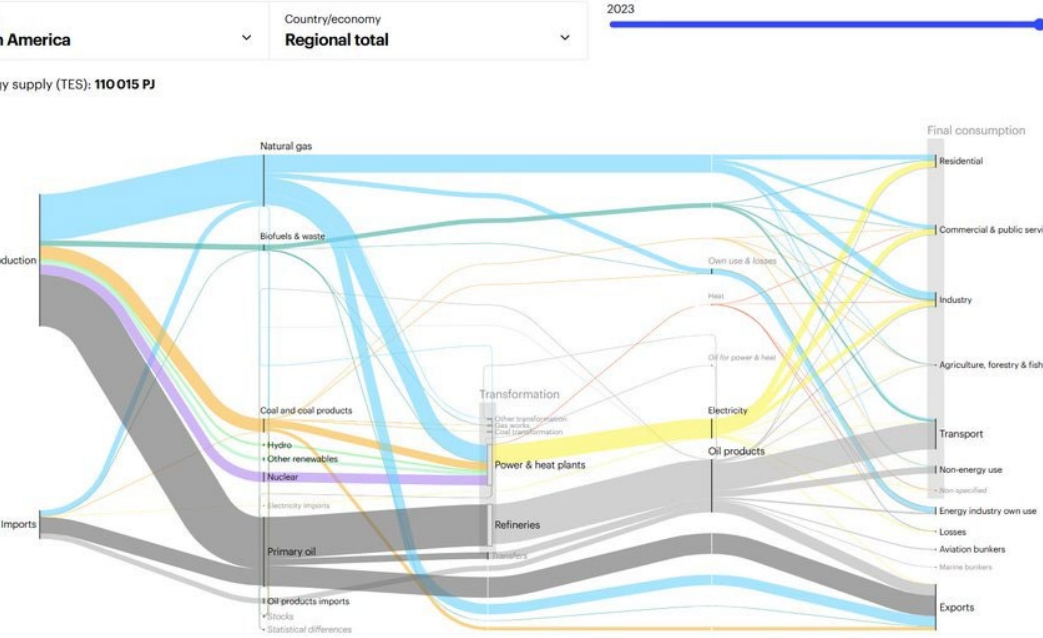
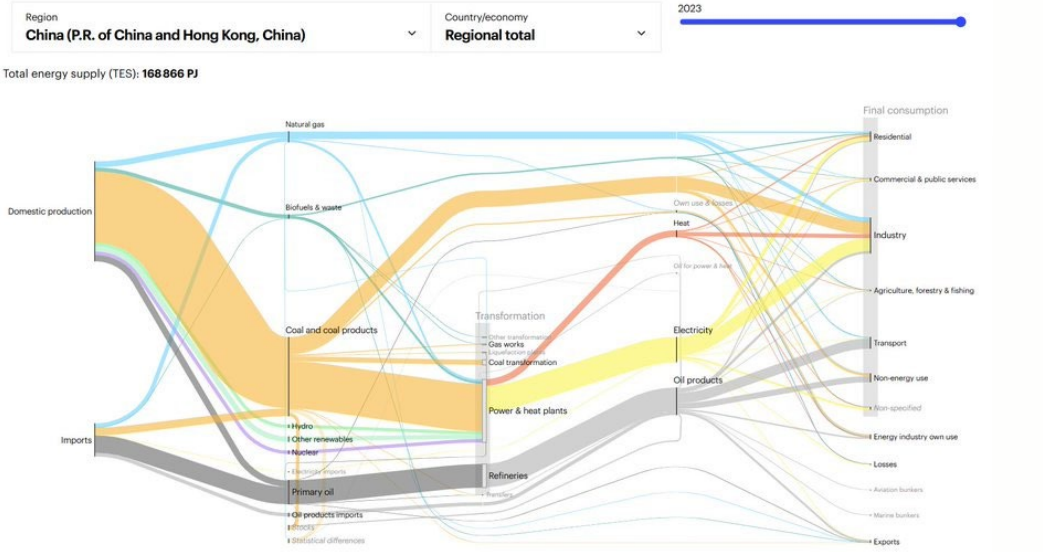


There is No Energy Transition Happening

By David Blackmon | February 3, 2026



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IEA – Key Takeaways:

- 1) The United States is an oil and natural gas-based economy, while China is a coal-based country.
- 2) These much-demonized “fossil fuels” provide the backbones for the two superpowers’ energy security, and thus their national security.
- 3) Boosters of wind and solar can rave all they like about the major investments in “renewables” China has made in recent years, but the simple fact is that China is a coal nation and is likely to remain a coal nation for the foreseeable future.
- 4) The same is true in the US, which will remain an oil and gas nation long into the future.

Why?



Because

....wind and solar lack the energy density required to displace natural gas or coal in power generation, and EVs remain too beset by structural limitations to displace internal combustion cars at scale.

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As US Energy Sec. Chris Wright pointed out recently that oil, natural gas, and coal supply the same percentage of global primary energy today that they provided 30 years ago, roughly 80%.

Despite the profligate waste of trillions of dollars in wind, solar, and EV subsidies across those three decades, the mix remains the same.

The safest energy bet of all? 30 years from today, that mix will still be essentially unchanged, because energy density and raw economics are stubborn things.


There is no energy transition happening for one simple reason: The world needs real, abundant, reliable forms of energy.


From a very informed energy policy voice!



Daniel Yergin  · Following

Vice Chairman, S&P Global and author of The Ne...

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The energy transition is proving to be more difficult, costly, and complicated than expected. It is time to rethink priorities, policies and investments in light of the complicated realities. My new article with **Peter Orszag & Atul Arya** in **Foreign Affairs Magazine** <https://lnkd.in/eyZt-ciF>

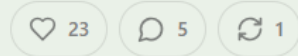
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Kevin Killough: Secretary Wright sends message to IEA: 'Clean up your act, or U.S. is out'

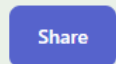


February 20, 2026



[Another excellent piece from one of the best energy writers in the business, [Kevin Killough at Justthenews.com](#)]

At the International Energy Agency ministerial meeting in Paris Wednesday, Energy Secretary Chris Wright blasted the agency for forecasting future oil demand in line with aspirations for net-zero global emissions by 2050.



The agency has come under increasing criticism for its forecasts. Its latest "[World Energy Outlook](#)" included future demand scenarios that don't assume policies aiming for "net-zero" will be implemented as promised, but Wright's remarks this week suggest the move hadn't satisfied all its critics' concerns.

On Tuesday, Wright said that the U.S. is "definitely not satisfied" and again threatened to withdraw if the IEA didn't reform its practices, [according to Bloomberg News](#).

BP Is Cancelling More Than its Unprofitable Wind and Solar Ventures

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Excerpt from article:

bp has stopped 18 early-stage hydrogen projects as it focuses on high returns

Just last week, BP revealed it would increase its oil and gas investments by about 30% to \$10bn a year while cutting planned renewables funding by over \$5bn, adopting a “disciplined investment” in green energy.

Doug Sheridan: BP Comes Full Circle Back to Oil

DAVID BLACKMON

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BP: is reversing its “Beyond Petroleum” strategy, slashing over \$5 billion in planned renewable investments, cutting jobs in its hydrogen team, and reversing its 2030 target for oil/gas reduction from 40% to 25%.



Shell: The company is reducing its investment in renewable energy, focusing instead on scaling back low-carbon initiatives to maximize profits from oil and gas.



Equinor: Significantly reduced its ambitious renewable target and halved its planned low-carbon investments from roughly \$10 billion to \$5 billion per year.



TotalEnergies: While maintaining some green initiatives, the company reduced its low-carbon investment budget to focus more heavily on oil and gas.



ExxonMobil: Known for minimal investments in wind and solar, the company confirmed its focus on traditional, high-return fossil fuels over renewable projects.

Pushing back on renewables and energy transition?

ROBERT BRYCE AUTHOR
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Renewable Rejection Database

About the database

Management theorist W. Edwards Deming famously said “in God we trust. All others must bring data.” This database is an attempt to do that: to quantify the number of restrictions or rejections of solar and wind projects in the United States over the past decade or so. The database is not perfect. It may slightly understate, or overstate, the number of rejections and restrictions. It is the product of an effort I began in 2015 and have sustained since then -- all on my own time and my own dime. If you know of a rejection or restriction that’s not in the database, please use the submission page and if the data checks out, I will add it. Thanks.

The Maritime Executive
INTELLECTUAL CAPITAL FOR LEADERS

Shell Takes \$1B Charge as it “Pauses Involvement” in U.S. Offshore Wind



Shell is taking a \$1 billion charge related to its North American offshore wind projects (Shell)

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Major Shipping Company Says No More EVs

By David Blackmon | July 22, 2025

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Stellantis Writes Down \$26B on EVs, Shifts To “Freedom of Choice.”

By Robert Bryce | February 7, 2026

Robert Bryce

Stellantis Writes Down \$26B On EVs, Shifts To “Freedom Of Choice.”

Major automakers’ EV losses now total \$140 billion! Plus, a daunting NERC map and Texas sues turbine-blade dump owner.

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The EV bloodbath keeps getting bloodier.

Yesterday, Stellantis — the company formerly known as Chrysler — announced it was writing off \$26 billion due to its disastrous foray into electric vehicles. In a press release that sounds almost like a parody, the company said the charges “reflect a



Global banks Increase Fossil-Fuel Funding as Climate Pledges Crumble

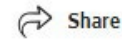
By Elena Vardon | June 17, 2025

Global Banks Increase Fossil-Fuel Funding as Climate Pledges Crumble

New report shows that banks poured nearly \$900 billion into financing coal, oil and gas projects in 2024

By *Elena Vardon*

June 17, 2025 10:18 am ET | **WSJ PRO**



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Exxon sees Natural Gas Demand Surging in Outlook to 2050

By Sheila Dang | August 18, 2025

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By Sheila Dang

August 28, 2025 11:29 AM CDT · Updated August 28, 2025



An airplane comes in for a landing above an Exxon sign at a gas station in the Chicago suburb of Norridge, Illinois, U.S., October 27, 2016. REUTERS/Jim Young/File Photo [Purchase Licensing Rights](#)

Summary Companies

- Oil demand to plateau post-2030, remain above 100 million barrels daily
- Exxon calls for affordable tech, policy to meet UN emissions goal
- Higher electricity demand driving growth in natural gas

IEA: The World Needs Upstream Oil and Gas Investment



EXCERPTS FROM ARTICLE:

IEA: The World Needs Upstream Oil and Gas Investment

By [Charles Kennedy](#) - Mar 11, 2025, 9:30 AM CDT

The IEA famously said in 2021 that no investments in new oil and gas fields are needed if the world has a chance to reach net-zero emissions by 2050.

The Paris-based agency has repeatedly said since 2021 that the world not need [any new long lead-time](#) conventional oil and gas projects or coal mines approved after 2023 as the surge in clean energy deployment could lead to peak fossil fuel demand this decade.

At CERAWEEK, the IEA's Birol said "I want to make it clear ... there would be a need for investment, especially to address the decline in the existing fields."

"There is a need for oil and gas upstream investments, full stop," Birol added

4 Big Energy Stories - 2.6.2026: The World Needs More Oil, and Lots of it



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The World Needs More Oil, and Lots of it

By David Blackmon | February 6, 2026

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“The World Needs More Oil” - A few years ago you'd have never seen the CEO of Shell or any other European oil company utter those words at the top of his messaging. But times have changed and so has the business plan at Shell. In the clip below, CEO Wael Sawan does a good, succinct job of explaining just how much new oil the industry must find each here just to make up for natural declines.

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Transcript:

Let's start off with the broader picture there, Ben, to say that **the world needs more oil**. We're growing at 1 million barrels per day demand at the moment, consistently, and natural declines on existing fields are around 5 million barrels a day. So we're having to replenish around 6% of global production every single year. Venezuela just makes up 1% of current production. So we need that oil to be able to make sure we can match the demand.

American Energy Policy

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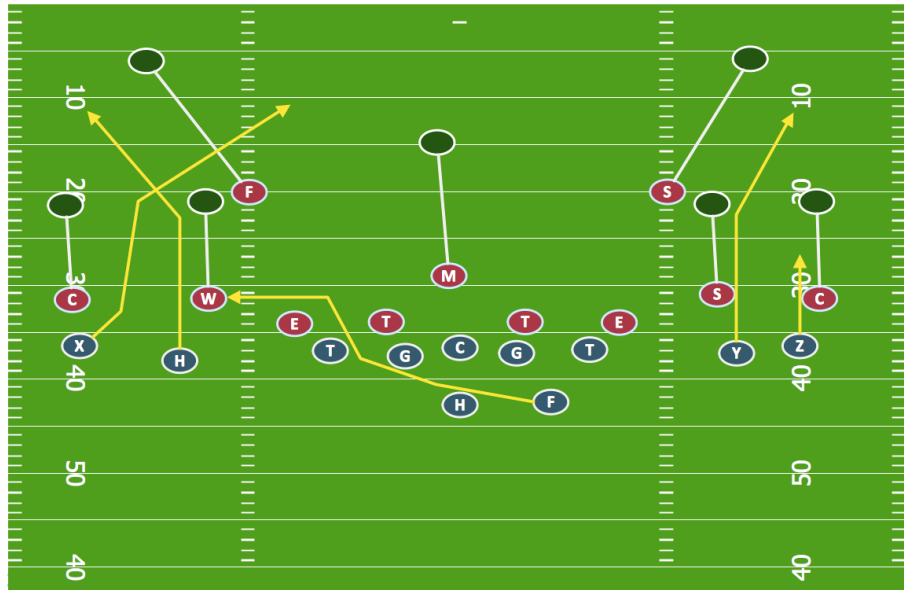
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“2025 All of Government Support!”

More to Come in 2026!



Evidence of an American Energy “Policy” Shift from Defense to Offense!





February 14, 2026



ENERGY IN AMERICA

Trump trounces Biden energy records in just months as admin celebrates 1 year of 'historic gains': data

Interior Secretary Doug Burgum cites 'real savings' for families as natural gas exports surge to historic highs

By Emma Colton - Fox News

Published February 14, 2026 12:35pm EST





PRESIDENTIAL ACTIONS

ESTABLISHING THE NATIONAL ENERGY DOMINANCE COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE ORDER

February 14, 2025

NATIONAL ENERGY DOMINANCE COUNCIL

Membership. (a) The Secretary of the Interior shall serve as Chair of the Council. The Secretary of Energy shall serve as Vice Chair of the Council.

(b) In addition to the Chair and the Vice Chair, the Council shall consist of the following members:

- (i) the Secretary of State;
- (ii) the Secretary of the Treasury;
- (iii) the Secretary of Defense;
- (iv) the Attorney General;
- (v) the Secretary of Agriculture;
- (vi) the Secretary of Commerce;
- (vii) the Secretary of Transportation;
- (viii) the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency;
- (ix) the Director of the Office of Management and Budget;
- (x) the United States Trade Representative;
- (xi) the Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy;
- (xii) the Assistant to the President for Economic Policy;
- (xiii) the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs;
- (xiv) the Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy;
- (xv) the Chairman of the Council on Environmental Quality;
- (xvi) the Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers;
- (xvii) the Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy; and
- (xviii) the heads of such other executive departments and agencies (agencies) as the President may, from time to time, designate.

NATIONAL ENERGY DOMINANCE COUNCIL - Functions



- (i) advise the President on how best to exercise his authority to produce more energy to make America energy dominant;
- (ii) advise the President on improving the processes for permitting, production, generation, distribution, regulation, transportation, and export of all forms of American energy, including critical minerals;
- (iii) provide to the President a recommended National Energy Dominance Strategy to produce more energy that includes long-range goals for achieving energy dominance by cutting red tape, enhancing private sector investments across all sectors of the energy-producing economy, focusing on innovation, and seeking to eliminate longstanding, but unnecessary, regulation;
- (iv) advise and assist the President in facilitating cooperation among the Federal Government and domestic private sector energy partners;

Washington Update From
the U.S. Oil & Gas
Association - 3.16.2025

US Oil & Gas Association
ADVOCATE FOR THE OIL & GAS INDUSTRY
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EPA announces the plan to attempt 30 deregulatory rollbacks

This week, EPA announced that it was reviewing 30 different marquee regulatory measures the Biden and Obama Administrations entire climate platform was built upon, including:

- Emissions limits on power plants
- Greenhouse gas regulations for cars and trucks
- Mandatory greenhouse gas reporting for large oil and gas operations
- Methane regulations for oil and gas operations
- But maybe the biggest potential rollback is EPA’s announcement that it will review the “endangerment finding.”

It’s happening!

Zeldin Ready to Go After Obama EPA Endangerment Finding on CO2

By David Blackmon | July 24, 2025

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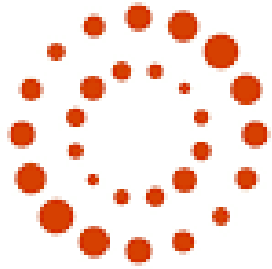
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ADMINISTRATOR LEE ZELDIN
Environmental Protection Agency

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The image shows a video player interface. At the top, the title 'Zeldin Ready To Go After Obama EPA Endangerment Finding on CO2' is displayed in bold black text. Below the title is the author's name 'DAVID BLACKMON' and the date 'JUL 24, 2025 · PAID'. The video player itself shows a man in a dark suit and red tie speaking. Behind him are an American flag on the left and a white flag with 'S. ONE' and a green leaf logo on the right. A blue banner at the bottom of the video frame reads 'ADMINISTRATOR LEE ZELDIN' and 'Environmental Protection Agency'. A small black box in the bottom left corner of the video frame shows the time '2:52'. Above the video frame, there are icons for likes (31), comments (8), and shares (2), along with a 'Share' button.



Reuters

Trump set to repeal landmark climate finding in huge regulatory rollback this week

February 9, 2026

Trump set to repeal landmark climate finding in huge regulatory rollback this week

By Valerie Volcovici and David Shepardson

February 9, 2026 8:11 PM CST · Updated February 10, 2026



[1/2] A police officer drives past a refinery in the industrial east end in Pasadena, Texas, U.S., September 18, 2018. REUTERS/Loren Elliott [Purchase Licensing Rights](#)

Summary

- Repeal targets vehicle emission standards, not power plants
- Repeal will face legal challenges due to court ruling
- Industry groups cautious about supporting repeal due to uncertainty

Feb 10 (Reuters) - The administration of President Donald Trump is set this week to overturn an Obama-era scientific finding that carbon dioxide endangers human health, removing the legal basis for federal greenhouse gas emissions regulations.

The move, which the administration formally proposed in July, would mark the Republican



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Trump set to gut U.S. climate change policy and environmental regulations, White House official says

Politics Feb 10, 2026 12:24 PM EDT

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Trump administration is expected this week to revoke a scientific finding that long has been the central basis for U.S. action to regulate [greenhouse gas emissions](#) and fight climate change, according to a White House official.

Endangerment Finding Rescission Ends a Series of Legal Perversions

By David Blackmon | February 14, 2026

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Steve Guest @SteveGuest · Feb 12

WATCH: ABC's David Muir stokes fear in America:

"President Trump has repealed U.S. power to regulate climate in this country. The President officially rejecting the science. ... this is not only dangerous for the environment but for your health."



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Policy Implementation! **It's happening!**

The New York Times

February 2025

Trump Administration | **LIVE** Updates 19m ago | Tracking Major Moves

Trump Administration Moves to Fast-Track Hundreds of Fossil Fuel Projects

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has cited President Trump's claim of a national energy emergency to speed up permits for new gas pipelines and other projects.

U.S. Department of the Interior

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Secretary Doug Burgum Signs First Round of Secretary's Orders to Unleash American Energy

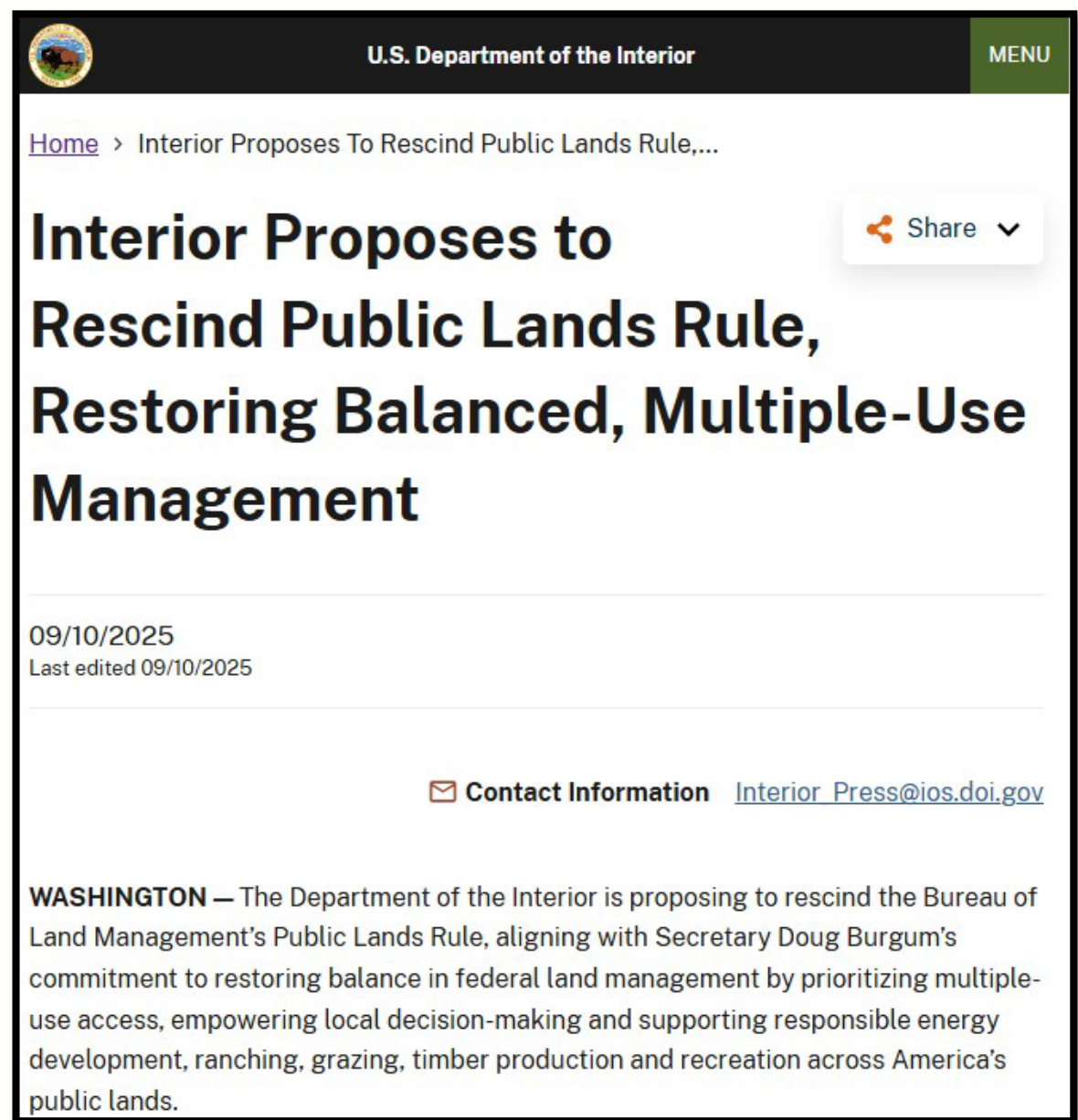
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Begins tenure as 55th Secretary of the Interior by setting vision for American Energy Dominance

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Rescinding Public Lands Rule???

Restoring Balance!!!



The screenshot shows a webpage from the U.S. Department of the Interior. At the top, there is a logo on the left, the text "U.S. Department of the Interior" in the center, and a "MENU" button on the right. Below the header, a breadcrumb trail reads "Home > Interior Proposes To Rescind Public Lands Rule,...". The main heading is "Interior Proposes to Rescind Public Lands Rule, Restoring Balanced, Multiple-Use Management", with a "Share" button to its right. Below the heading, the date "09/10/2025" and "Last edited 09/10/2025" are displayed. A "Contact Information" link with an envelope icon and the email address "Interior_Press@ios.doi.gov" is provided. The main body of text begins with "WASHINGTON — The Department of the Interior is proposing to rescind the Bureau of Land Management's Public Lands Rule, aligning with Secretary Doug Burgum's commitment to restoring balance in federal land management by prioritizing multiple-use access, empowering local decision-making and supporting responsible energy development, ranching, grazing, timber production and recreation across America's public lands."

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One Big Beautiful Bill Act

OBBB Act



Signed into law on July 4, 2025. The OBBB Act contains many provisions related to taxes, spending, immigration, healthcare, and **ENERGY!**

1. Mandates increased oil and gas leasing on public lands and reduces royalties paid by the petroleum industry.
 - a) **Offshore Royalties:** The bill lowers offshore oil and gas royalty rates from a range of 16.66% to 18.75% to 12.5% to 16.66%, aligning rates with historical levels that encouraged investment. This reduction applies to new leases in the Gulf of America and other offshore areas, easing financial burdens on operators in high cost deepwater projects.
 - b) **Onshore Royalties:** Onshore royalty rates are cut from 16.66% to 12.5% for federal land leases, significantly reducing costs for producers where federal lands dominate.
 - c) **Methane Royalties:** The measure eliminates royalties on extracted methane, introduced in the 2022 climate law to penalize fugitive emissions.
 - d) **Impact:** Lower royalty rates enhance profit margins, making federal leases more attractive and encouraging investment in exploration and production, offsetting potential regulatory challenges that add additional burden to the cost of doing business. The methane royalty repeal saves operators millions annually, allowing reinvestment in efficiency or new wells. These changes could boost production volumes.
2. Clean energy incentives: Phases out or ends various tax credits related to clean energy, electric vehicles, and home efficiency, which were originally part of the Inflation Reduction Act.

Energy Roller Coaster! Policy Matters!

9 years ago

Executive Order 13795
April 28, 2017

Implementing an America First Offshore Energy Strategy
"It shall be the policy of the United States to encourage energy exploration and production, including on the Outer Continental Shelf, in order to maintain the Nation's position as a global energy leader and foster energy security and resilience for the benefit of the American people, while ensuring that any such activity is safe and environmentally responsible."

Energy Roller Coaster! Policy Matters!

Executive Order

JANUARY 27, 2021

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The order directs the Secretary of the Interior to pause on entering into new oil and natural gas leases on public lands or offshore waters to the extent possible, launch a rigorous review of all existing leasing and permitting practices related to fossil fuel development on public lands and waters, and identify steps that can be taken to double renewable energy production from offshore wind by 2030. The order does not restrict energy activities on lands that the United States holds in trust for Tribes. The Secretary of the Interior will continue to consult with Tribes regarding the development and management of renewable and conventional energy resources, in conformance with the U.S. government's trust responsibilities.

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National Energy Emergency | Executive Order 1/20/2025

“The integrity and expansion of our Nation’s energy infrastructure — from coast to coast — is an immediate and pressing priority for the protection of the United States’ national and economic security.”

Sec. 1. The Emergency Declaration defines “energy” as specifically including crude oil and natural gas. Sec. 8(a). “The heads of executive departments and agencies (“agencies”) shall identify and exercise any lawful emergency authorities available to them, as well as all other lawful authorities they may possess, to facilitate the identification, leasing, siting, production, transportation, refining, and generation of domestic energy resources, including, but not limited to, on Federal lands.”

Sec. 2(a). “To facilitate the Nation’s energy supply, agencies shall identify and use all relevant lawful emergency and other authorities available to them to expedite the completion of all authorized . . . energy . . . projects that are within the identified authority of each of the Secretaries to perform or to advance.”

Energy Roller Coaster!

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Secretarial Order 3417

Addressing the National Energy Emergency

The order requires Interior to immediately identify all emergency and legal authorities available to facilitate the identification, permitting, leasing, development, production, transportation, refining, distribution, exporting, and generation of domestic energy resources and critical minerals. It also requires identification of all emergency and other legal authorities available to expedite the completion of all authorized and appropriate infrastructure, energy, environmental, and natural resources projects.

Offshore Roller Coaster!

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Secretarial Order 3418

Unleashing American Energy

Secretarial Order 3418, Unleashing American Energy, initiating a review of all agency actions that potentially burden the development of domestic energy resources.

*STREAMLINING
PERMITTING
TO PROMOTE U.S.*
**ENERGY
DOMINANCE**

Standardizing Permitting and Expediting Economic Development **SPEED ACT**

1. Amends the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) to address statutory flaws that have resulted in lengthy timelines and increased frivolous litigation.
2. This legislation simplifies the analysis required in NEPA documents so that agencies are not bogged down studying never-ending topics without ever reaching a conclusion.
3. The bill clarifies when NEPA is triggered by focusing the definition of “Major Federal Action.”
4. The bill establishes judicial review limitations for NEPA claims, including a 150-day deadline for filing claims, a new standard of review, and the elimination of vacatur and injunction as remedies available to courts.
5. The bill would create certainty in the permitting process and spur domestic investment in critical infrastructure, energy, and conservation projects.

Permitting Reform Legislation



PRESS RELEASE

For Immediate Release: Thursday, December 18, 2025

NOIA Contact: media@noia.org

House Advances SPEED Act, Senate Engagement Now Critical

Washington, D.C. – National Ocean Industries Association President Erik Milito issued the following statement after the House of Representatives passed the bipartisan [Standardizing Permitting and Expediting Economic Development \(SPEED\) Act](#):

“Today’s House passage of the SPEED Act reflects growing bipartisan recognition that America’s permitting system needs modernization. Permitting certainty is essential to keeping investment, jobs, and energy production in the United States, and the House vote is an important step in that direction.

“At the same time, changes made to the legislation following its consideration in the House Natural Resources Committee warrant careful review. Permitting reform must avoid creating unintended consequences that undermine investment, delay projects, or reintroduce the very uncertainty the energy sector is seeking to resolve. We are concerned that, as currently written, these risks remain.

David Blackmon's Energy Additions

SPEED Act: Not a Magic Bullet, But a Very Good Start



DAVID BLACKMON
DEC 22, 2025

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The U.S. House of Representatives, heavily criticized recently for its failure to get much done this year outside of the passage of the One Bill Beautiful Bill Act in July, gave its do-nothing reputation a hit on Thursday with the bipartisan passage of the SPEED Act on a 221-196 vote.

SPEED Act: Not a Magic Bullet, But a Very Good Start

By David Blackmon | December 22, 2025

Thank you NOIA for your leadership!



National Environmental Policy Act

NEPA Reform

The new NEPA procedures issued by federal agencies include several significant changes:

Limited scope of review: The review process is narrowed to focus only on effects that are "reasonably foreseeable" and have a close causal relationship to the proposed action. This omits the prior consideration of "cumulative" and "indirect" effects and reflects the May 2025 Supreme Court ruling in *Seven County Infrastructure Coalition v. Eagle County*.

Expansion of categorical exclusions: The use of "categorical exclusions" (CatEx) for projects with minimal environmental impact has been streamlined and expanded. Agencies can also more easily adopt another agency's CatEx for similar projects.

Modified public involvement: Several agencies have limited guaranteed public comment opportunities and agencies' obligations to respond to comments.

No environmental justice analysis: Guidance from CEQ now states that NEPA documents "should not" include an environmental justice analysis, following the revocation of previous executive orders.

**Why is all of this
important to
America?**

**“You don’t need a
weatherman to
know which way
the winds blows.”
- Bob Dylan**



AMERICAN ENERGY ECONOMICS (from 1973 to 2019)

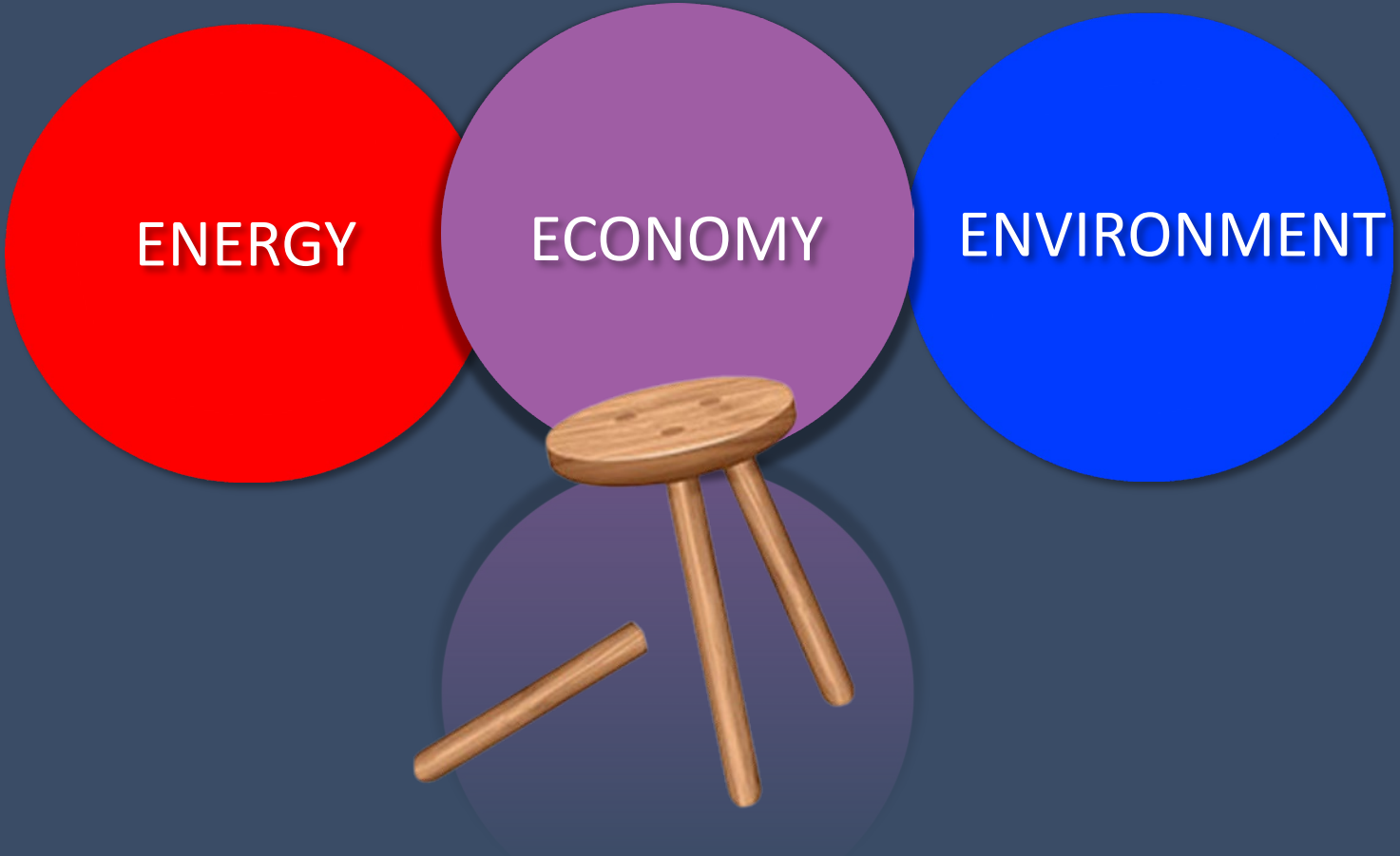
Unbalanced Approach = Economic Consequences

Our Nation experienced SIX (6) recessions; each preceded by a **SPIKE** in energy prices.

- As goes our Nation's access to affordable energy so goes our economic performance.
- Not just a problem for energy producing states, but a bigger problem for energy consuming states.
- Negative impacts on housing, travel, tourism, restaurants, auto sales and other discretionary spending.



We all know what happens when things get out of balance!

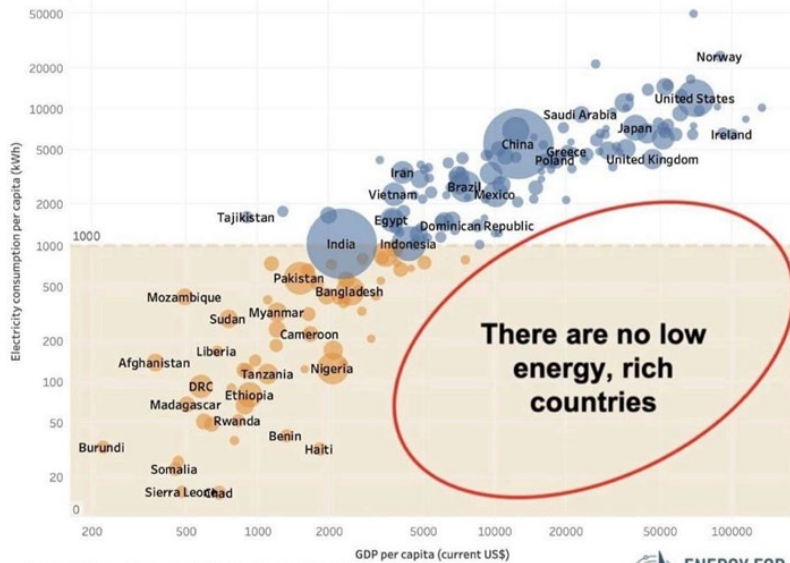


There are no wealthy low energy-consuming nations on the planet!



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 Environmental Researcher with
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“Countries increase output from wind and solar as winter storm engulfs ...see more



There are no low energy, rich countries

Note to Policy Makers:

We all know this; our challenge is to make sure others outside of the energy industry do.

Source: US Energy Information Administration, World Bank (2021)
 R² = 0.8



The Path Forward!



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**Our innovation, inspiration, perspiration,
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- American Energy Worker



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A TEACHER. IF YOU CAN
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WARM AT HOME, THANK
A TEACHER AND **AN
ENERGY WORKER.**

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We Must Rally Around the Worker...

- Hard hats. Steel-toed boots. Offshore. Onshore. Plants. Pipelines.
- Workers are the most credible messengers
- Workers are the link between:
 - Energy security
 - Affordability
 - Safety + environmental performance
- Workers as Industry Ambassadors
- Every worker needs talking points in their hands.
- Our best ambassadors are already on payroll—they just need tools!

...And We Must Rally Around the Consumer

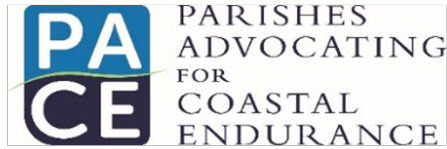


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At Consumer Energy Alliance (CEA), we advocate for affordable, reliable, and cleaner energy solutions that benefit families, businesses, and communities. Through strategic policy engagement, coalition building, and consumer outreach, we amplify member voices at the local, state, and national levels. Our efforts include educating the public, connecting members with policymakers, and advancing impactful campaigns like PEOPLE FOR ENERGY. By uniting diverse stakeholders, we ensure energy policies support economic growth, and consumer needs—shaping a better energy future for all.

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From "Red or Blue" Swings –
Domestic Energy Should Be As
Important as Domestic
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LET'S TAKE A PAGE FROM THE AMERICAN FARMER'S PLAYBOOK AS THEY "FEED THE WORLD"

Through their work ethic and use of technology, their practices have allowed us to feed the world and by so doing helped to spread peace, democracy and freedoms across the globe.



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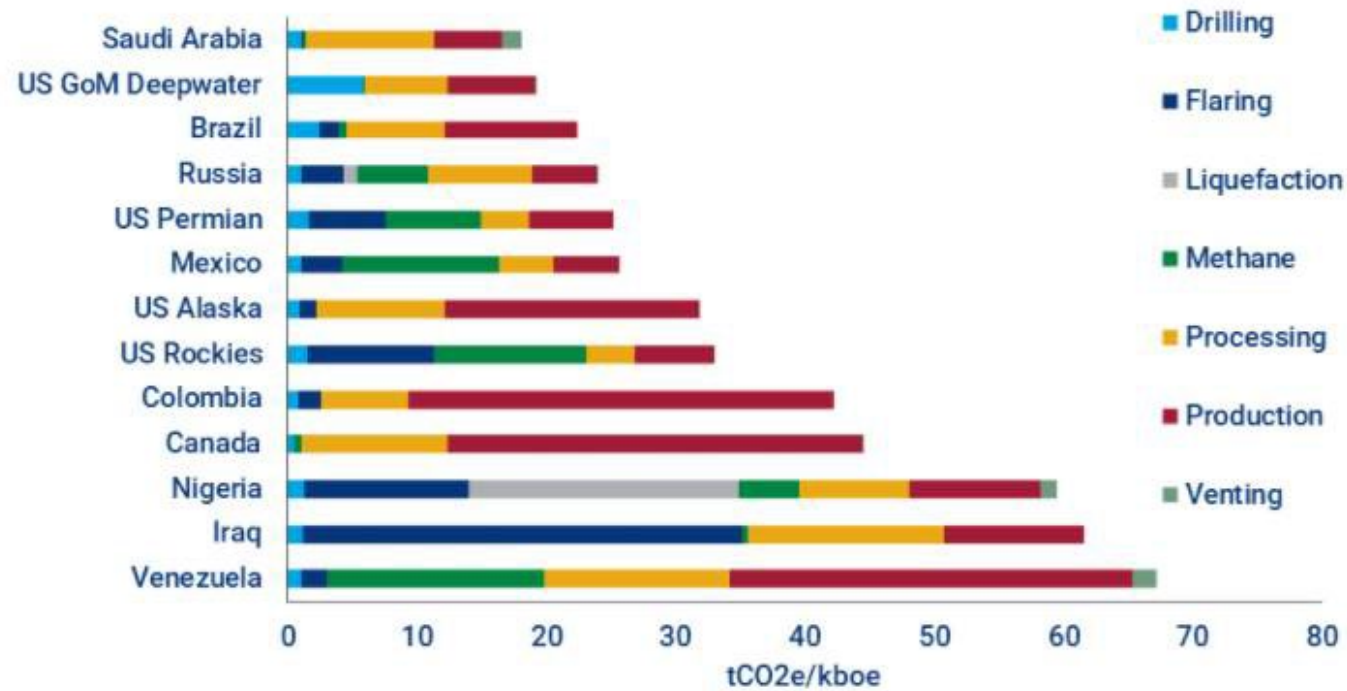
**Not all barrels are
created equal**

***The world values what
America produces!***

**Lower global carbon intensity
of crude oil production**

Carbon Intensity Comparison

Emissions intensity for US crude importers

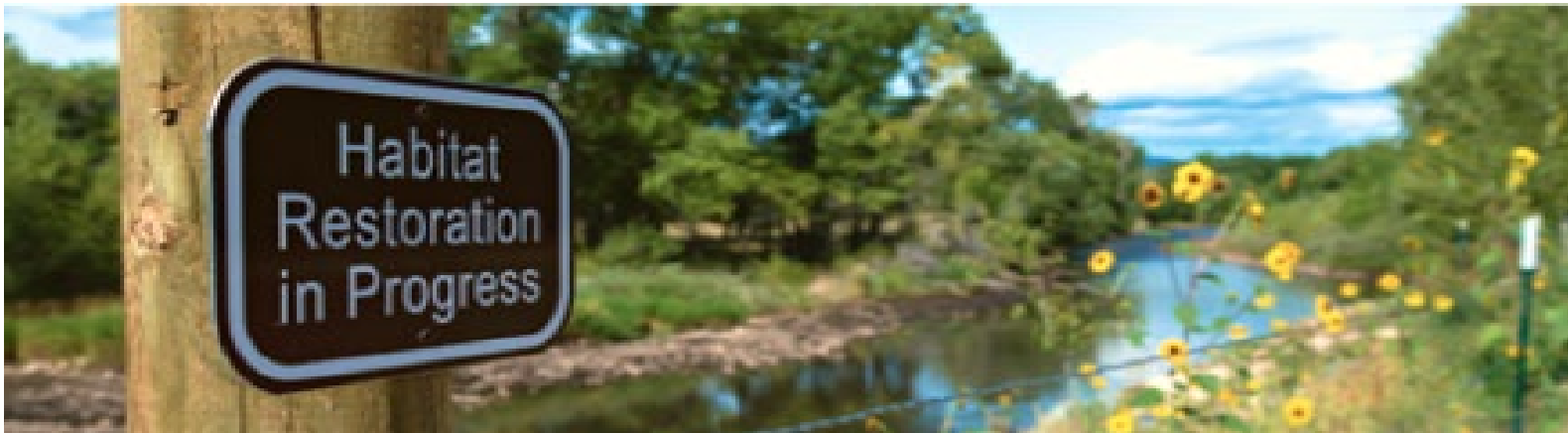


Source: Source: Wood Mackenzie Emissions Benchmarking Tool. Shipping/transport emissions are not included. Countries averaging over 100,000 b/d imports to US over last three years are shown. Ecuador excluded

Land and Water Conservation

- Established by Congress in 1964
- Designed to fulfill a bipartisan commitment to safeguard natural areas, water resources and cultural heritage, and to provide recreation opportunities to all Americans
- Since 1965, LWCF has funded \$5.2 billion to support more than 45,000 projects in EVERY county in the country
- Funded 100% by Offshore Energy Revenue





The National Parks and Public Land Legacy Restoration Fund:

The Great American Outdoors Act (GAOA) takes \$1.9 billion in royalties annually from energy development on non-park, non-wilderness public lands and waters puts it into national parks, wildlife refuges, and other public lands across the country for conservation and repairing visitor centers, trails, campgrounds, and other facilities. The program is funded almost exclusively from revenues generated by federal oil and natural gas production.

CONSERVING THE GREAT AMERICAN OUTDOORS

SUMMARY

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The program is funded almost exclusively from revenues generated by federal oil and natural gas production.

The law also permanently funds \$900 million annually for the popular Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF). LWCF funds come exclusively from offshore oil and natural gas production.

Wind and solar energy provide next to nothing in federal conservation funding.

American treasures funded by American oil and natural gas.

PUBLIC LANDS FUNDING AT RISK



President Biden is threatening this conservation and infrastructure funding by limiting oil and natural gas leasing and overregulation. There is no other energy source that can replace the royalties from oil and natural gas, which provide 94% of the funding for conservation.

Consequently, thousands of lingering projects that need attention as result of years of overcrowding and overuse by millions of visitors are at risk.



RESTORING PUBLIC LANDS

The National Park Service started in 1916, 44 years after Yellowstone became the first national park. Today the agency maintains 423 sites that span 84 million acres across the United States and its territories.

Along with the expansion of the parks system, the popularity of national parks continues to skyrocket. The trend has accelerated in recent years as visitation exploded during pandemic lockdowns and is spurred by greater social media exposure and over-marketing from outdoor recreation brands such as REI, Patagonia, and North Face.

Consequently, overcrowding combined with historic underfunding by Congress has plagued our national parks, resulting in aging infrastructure and billions in deferred maintenance. In 2020, the agency faced a \$13 billion backlog for outstanding maintenance projects. In 2022, that figure ballooned to \$21.8 billion. Likewise the backlog on public lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management and other federal agencies totals another \$7 billion.

LARGEST INVESTMENT IN U.S. HISTORY

Signed into law in August 2020, the Great American Outdoors Act built on a 50-year tradition of balancing responsible oil and natural gas development with protecting our most treasured landscapes. The bill passed with strong bipartisan support from conservatives and progressives.

National Park Service's maintenance backlog in 2022:

\$21.8
billion

The Great American Outdoors Act combined two public lands conservation programs:

The National Parks and Public Land Legacy Restoration Fund

The new fund provides up to \$1.9 billion annually for national park and public lands restoration from onshore energy revenues. The vast majority of revenue comes from federal onshore oil and natural gas royalties from leases on non-park, non-wilderness public lands.

Conservation revenues are distributed as follows:

- 70% to the National Park Service to reduce deferred maintenance in national parks
- 15% to the U.S. Forest Service
- 5% to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- 5% to the Bureau of Land Management
- 5% to Bureau of Indian Education schools.

Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)

Signed into law in 1965, the LWCF provides funding for national parks, wetlands, forests, and wildlife refuges and matching grants for state and local parks.

For the first time the popular conservation program is now fully funded at \$900 million annually, without the need for action by Congress.

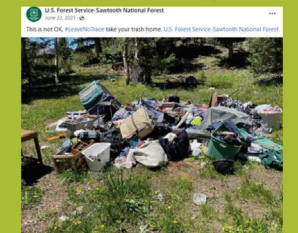
OVERCROWDED & UNDER PRESSURE

Yosemite's Washburn Fire



The 2022 Washburn Fire started from human activity near Yosemite's Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias. It started along a road used by tourist shuttle buses.

Trashed Trails and Campgrounds



Overcrowded campgrounds and trails are often littered with waste, forcing public land managers to close several areas off from human activity.

Over Marketing by Outdoor Retailers



Aggressive marketing like REI's ads motivate people to buy gear and seek the solitude on public lands that's portrayed. In reality, public lands are often overcrowded, but outdoor brands do not contribute to fix the damage they help create.

CONSERVATION COURTESY OF THE OILFIELD

Western Energy Alliance is proud that the new Legacy Restoration Fund is funded almost exclusively by federal oil and natural gas production, to the tune of up to \$1.9 billion annually.

Of the 700 million acres of oil and natural gas managed by the Bureau of Land Management, only 0.06% has oil and natural gas activity on the surface. Yet the return is enormous. The energy owned by the public goes a long way to meeting the growing needs of national parks.

According to data from the Department of the Interior's Office of Natural Resources Revenue, \$4.4 billion in onshore energy revenue was available in 2021 for the program:

- **Oil and natural gas \$4 billion, 91.3%**
- Coal \$364 million, 8.2%
- Geothermal \$18 million 0.4%
- Wind \$5 million, 0.1%.

In addition, **\$3.7 billion** was available in offshore oil and natural gas revenue in 2021, more than enough to fund the \$900 million for projects under the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

If renewable energy sources were the only ones available because of banning of fossil fuels, as some in the Biden Administration advocate, only \$11.5 million would have been available for conservation funding.



The Great American Outdoors Act strikes an appropriate balance between responsible energy development on working landscapes and preservation of our nation's treasured public spaces.

FUNDED PROJECTS

Thanks to royalties from oil and natural gas production, the following national parks projects were funded in 2021 and 2022 through the Great American Outdoors Act.



YELLOWSTONE \$204 MILLION

Spanning Wyoming, Montana, and Idaho, projects funded in the first and most beloved national park include repairs to historic buildings, roads leading up to the iconic Old Faithful geyser, and other infrastructure. Flooding in 2022 added to maintenance needs in the park and underscores the need for steady funding.

YOSEMITE \$145 MILLION

One of the most photographed national parks, Yosemite is located in east-central California. Projects funded include repairs to campgrounds, water systems, parking, and erosion control. Forest fires in 2022 caused major damage, similarly underscoring the need for steady funding.



BLUE RIDGE \$219 MILLION

Located in western Virginia and North Carolina, the Blue Ridge Parkway was the most visited national park in 2021, with 16 million visitors. Projects funded included bridge replacement; repairs to roadways, overlooks and parking; and erosion control.



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MISMANAGEMENT BY FEDERAL AGENCIES

Unfortunately, federal conservation programs have been mismanaged under President Biden. Recently the National Parks Service announced the maintenance backlog ballooned from \$13 billion to \$21.8 billion.

The root of the problem lies in growing inefficiencies at federal agencies. A February 2022 congressional oversight hearing revealed numerous problems within the Department of the Interior and the Parks Service, including the growing costs to administer the program, conduct environmental reviews, and complete projects. Agency officials revealed funds that should be spent in the field are being squandered in Washington, D.C. on paperwork and bureaucracy.

FUNDING AT RISK

Public lands face a double whammy. The future of Great American Outdoors funding is threatened by President Biden's executive order on climate change signed in January 2021, which halted new federal oil and natural leasing.

The president's action lays the foundation to transition away from production on public lands entirely, putting at risk \$2.8 billion annually for conservation and park infrastructure.

Officials at Interior repeatedly fail to acknowledge the fundamental fact that conservation dollars are tied to federal oil and natural gas production. They avoid admitting that the money is available only because of the \$9 billion the oil and natural gas industry generates annually.

If the policies President Biden has embarked on lead to the ultimate goal of "no oil on federal lands," revenues for Great American Outdoors Act projects will disappear. It won't happen suddenly, but in the coming years as the existing inventory of leases run out, production will slow and eventually be eliminated. Royalties will then decline, creating a gap in available funds for conservation.

One wonders if President Biden is aware that his policies could wipe out conservation and funding for national parks?

It seems to be a blind spot. Conspicuously, nobody in the administration has acknowledged the conflict between his policies to limit leasing and public lands conservation.



WHAT THEY'RE SAYING

"The Great American Outdoors Act was successful because it took the revenue generated from public lands and waters from oil and gas development and reinvested back into conserving and restoring these same public lands."

Sen. Steve Daines (R-MT)

"This bill is truly a historic conservation victory and will ensure that America's treasured public lands are preserved for generations to come."

Sen. Joe Manchin (D-WV)

"[The Great American Outdoors Act] is the single largest investment in public lands in U.S. history."

U.S. Department of the Interior

About Western Energy Alliance

Western Energy Alliance represents 200 member companies engaged in all aspects of environmentally responsible exploration and production of oil and natural gas in the West. The Alliance represents independent oil and gas producers, the majority of which are small businesses with an average of fourteen employees.

Learn more at www.WesternEnergyAlliance.org

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Making even more conservation happen!

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Sample projects in Louisiana funded by the LWCF

Conservation Courtesy of the Oilfield:

Lacassine National Wildlife Refuge \$559,100

Bayou Teche National Wildlife Refuge \$2,234,000

Atchafalaya National Wildlife Refuge \$11,065,618



Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act (GOMESA)

The Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act (GOMESA) of 2006 created a revenue-sharing model for oil- and gas-producing gulf states. Under GOMESA, Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas receive a portion of the revenue generated from oil and gas production offshore in the Gulf of Mexico. GOMESA also directs a portion of revenue to the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

Coastal Impact Assistance Program (CIAP)

CIAP is sponsored by the US Fish and Wildlife Service and was funded with Royalty Money set aside from Offshore Oil and Gas Leases in Federal Waters during the years of 2007 – 2010. The funds are intended for the conservation, protection, and preservation of Coastal Areas, including wetlands.

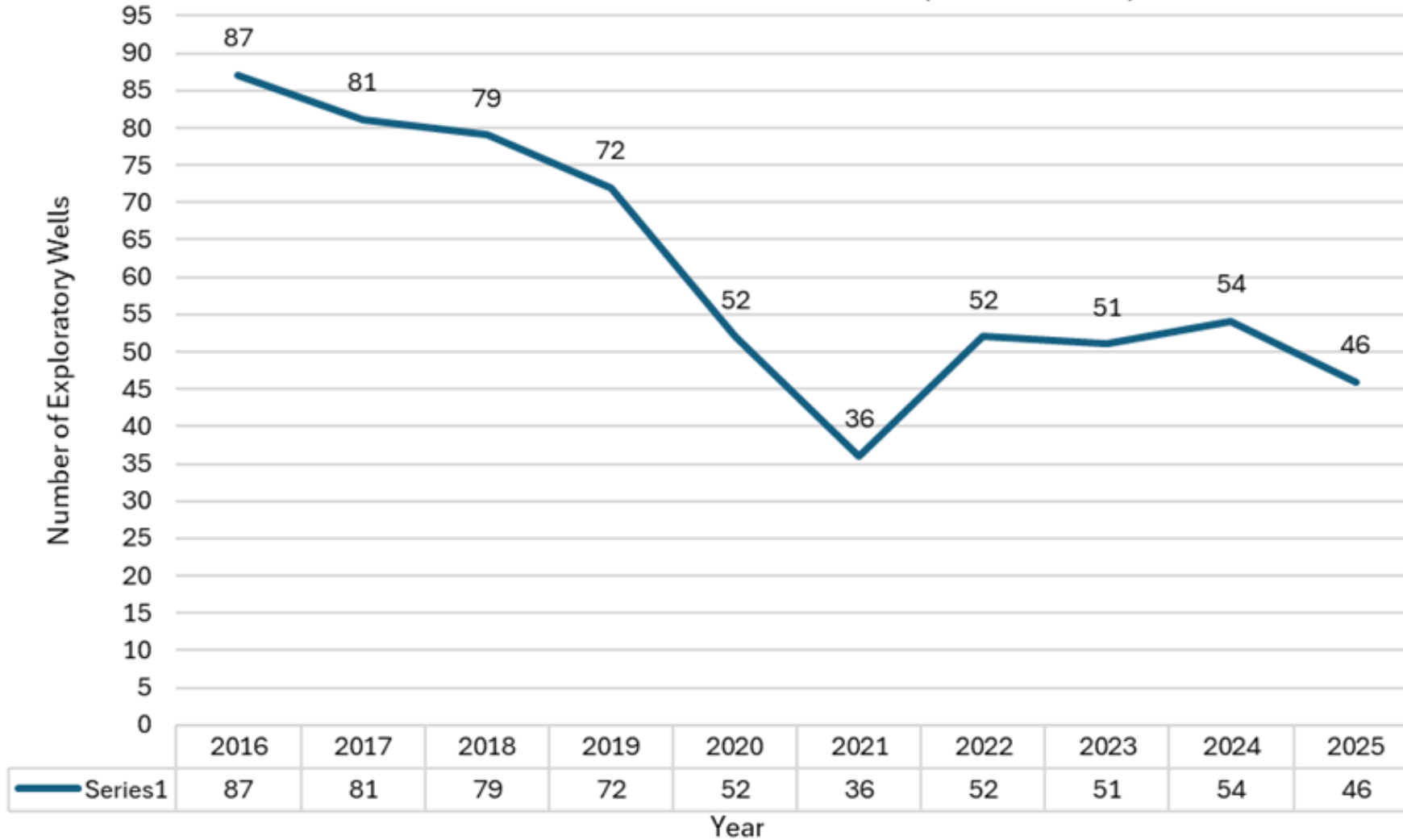
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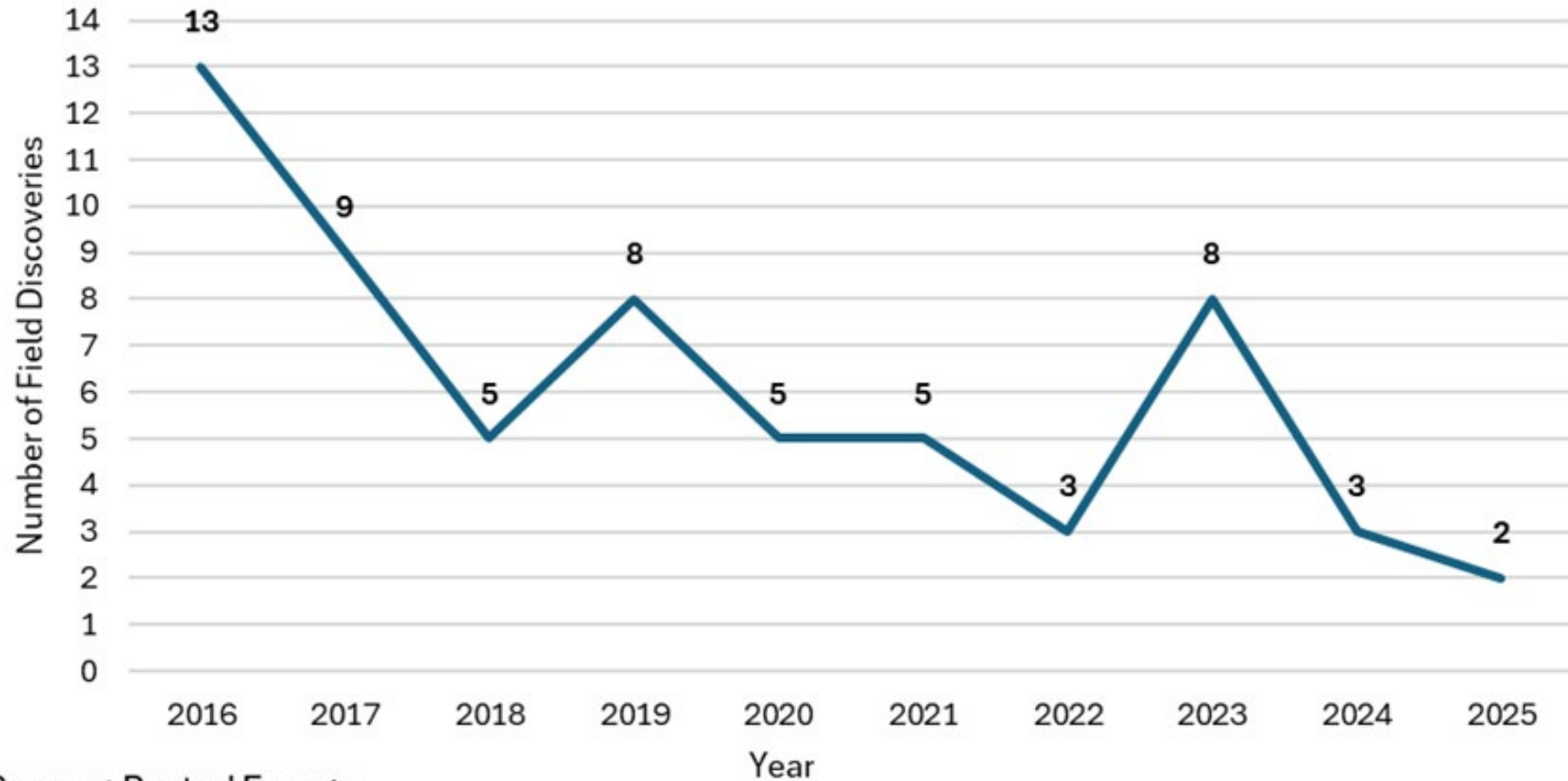


Number of Exploratory Wells in Gulf of America For Selected Calendar Years (2016-2025)



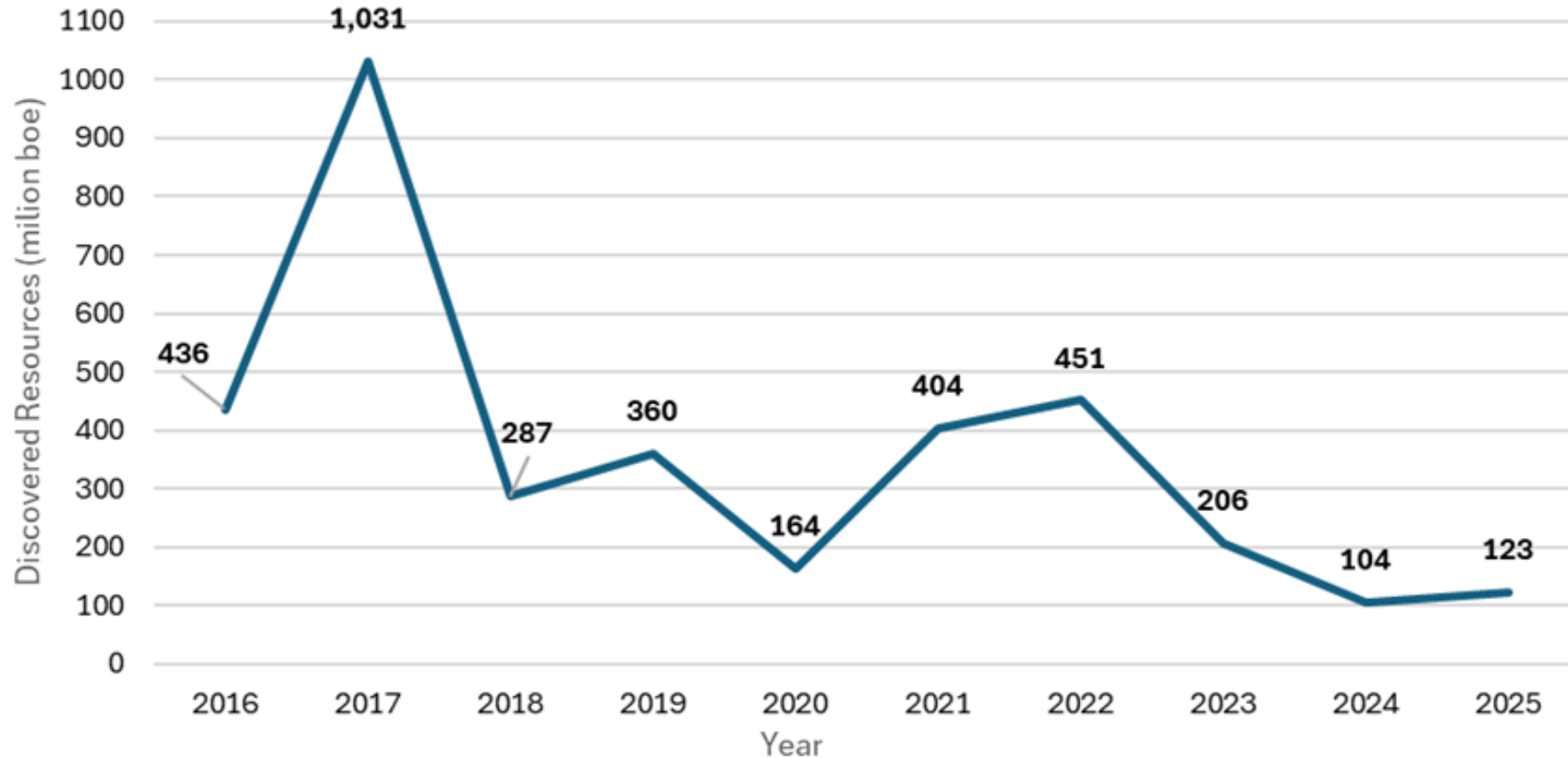
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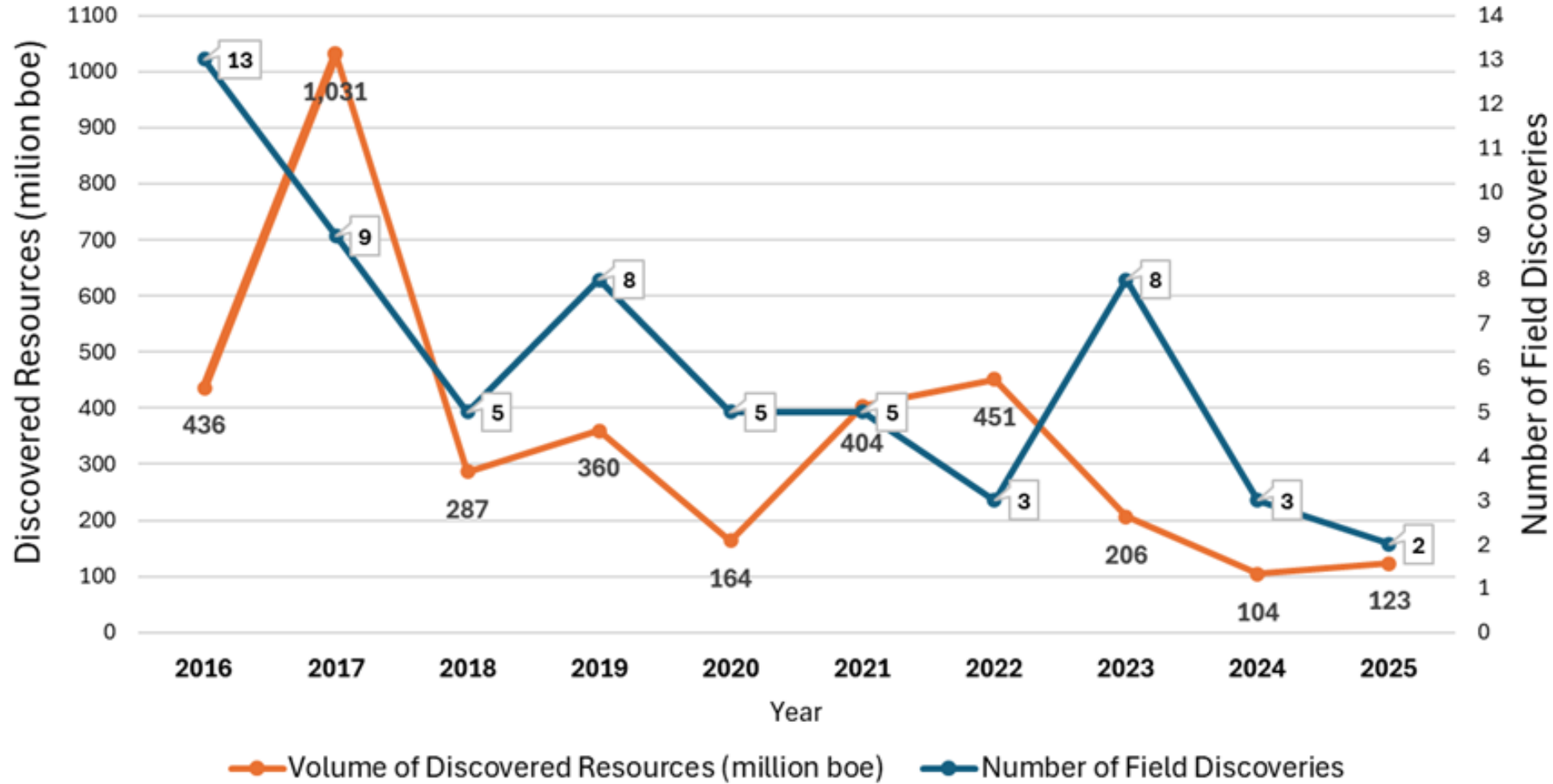
Source: Rystad Energy

Volume of Discovered Resources (million boe) in Gulf of America for Selected Calendar Years (2016-2025)



Source: Rystad Energy

Gulf of America
Volume of Discovered Resources (million boe) and Number of Field Discoveries
Selected Calendar Years (2016-2025)



Source: Rystad Energy

Sometimes . . . even a blind squirrel stumbles upon an acorn! This moment happened **8.5 years ago** on September 20, 2017, *in Lafayette, Louisiana!*



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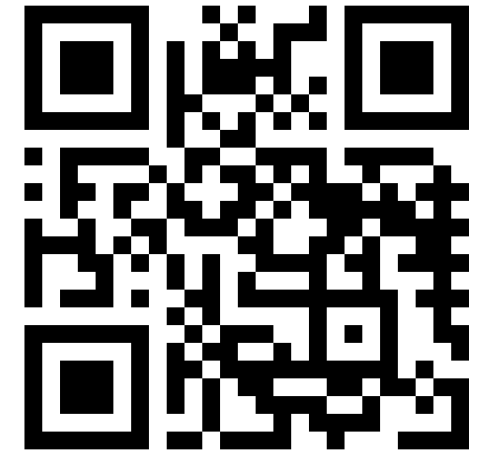
BSEE Director Scott Angelle described the Gulf of Mexico as the 'Gulf of America' because of the impact of oil and gas.

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Thank you!

Scott A. Angelle

Scott, the longest serving Director of U.S. Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement, also held positions in Louisiana as Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of LA Department of Natural Resources and Chairman, Louisiana Public Service Commission. Angelle was recognized by the GAO, a nonpartisan, fact-based agency, for significant improvements in offshore safety and environmental compliance.

Scott is available to make presentations and speeches to share his unique perspective with your organization or interested group. Send your request to info@angellepartners.com.



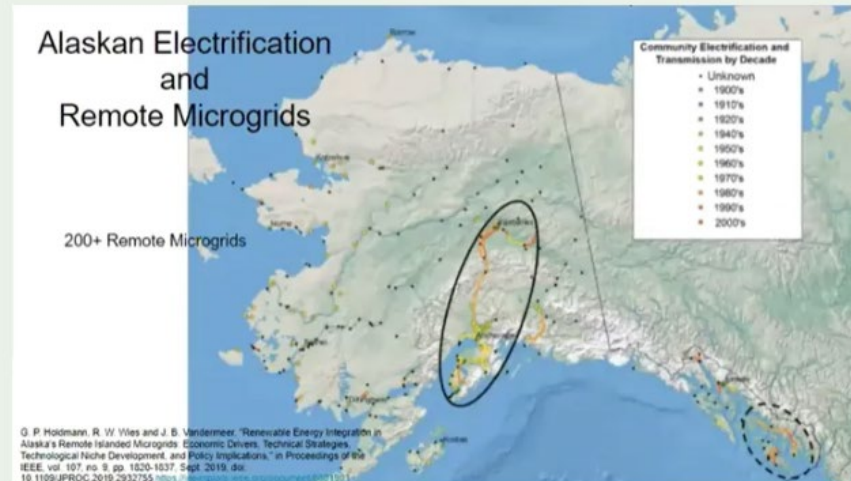
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