

## Union Calendar No. 308

118<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 3195

[Report No. 118-377]

To rescind Public Land Order 7917, to reinstate mineral leases and permits in the Superior National Forest, to ensure timely review of Mine Plans of Operations, and for other purposes.

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### IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 10, 2023

Mr. STAUBER (for himself, Mr. CRENSHAW, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. ZINKE, Mr. GIMENEZ, Mr. NEWHOUSE, Ms. BOEBERT, Mr. LAWLER, Mrs. LESKO, Mr. EMMER, Mr. DUARTE, Ms. HAGEMAN, and Mrs. FISCHBACH) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

FEBRUARY 9, 2024

Additional sponsor: Mr. FINSTAD

FEBRUARY 9, 2024

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on May 10, 2023]

# **A BILL**

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 *This Act may be cited as the “Superior National For-*  
5 *est Restoration Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. SUPERIOR NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM LANDS IN**  
7 **MINNESOTA.**

8 (a) *RESCISSION.*—*The order entitled “Public Land*  
9 *Order No. 7917 for Withdrawal of Federal Lands; Cook,*  
10 *Lake, and Saint Louis Counties, MN”, issued by the Bu-*  
11 *reau of Land Management and dated January 31, 2023,*  
12 *is hereby rescinded.*

13 (b) *TIMELY REVIEW.*—*The Secretary shall complete all*  
14 *necessary environmental and regulatory review, including*  
15 *processes subject to the National Environmental Policy Act*  
16 *of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), for all Mine Plans of Oper-*  
17 *ations within the Superior National Forest lands in the*  
18 *State of Minnesota—*

19 (1) *with respect to such Mine Plans of Oper-*  
20 *ations submitted before the date of the enactment of*  
21 *this section, not later than 18 months after the date*  
22 *of enactment of this section; and*

23 (2) *with respect to a Mine Plan of Operations*  
24 *submitted or resubmitted in the 7 year period begin-*  
25 *ning on the date of the enactment of this section, not*

1 *later than 18 months after the date on which such*  
2 *Mine Plan of Operations is submitted or resubmitted.*

3 *(c) REISSUANCE OF MINERAL LEASES.—*

4 *(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall issue each*  
5 *mineral lease, preference right lease, and prospecting*  
6 *permit canceled by the Secretary relating to lands*  
7 *within Superior National Forest during the period*  
8 *beginning on January 31, 2021, and ending on the*  
9 *date of the enactment of this section on the same*  
10 *terms as were in effect on the date of such cancella-*  
11 *tions.*

12 *(2) JUDICIAL REVIEW.—A lease or permit issued*  
13 *under paragraph (1) is not subject to judicial review.*

14 *(d) SECRETARY DEFINED.—For the purposes of this*  
15 *section, the term “Secretary” means—*

16 *(1) the Secretary of the Interior; or*

17 *(2) when used with respect to any unit of the*  
18 *National Forest System, the Secretary of Agriculture.*



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