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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. STAUBER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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## 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. POLICY.**

4       It is the policy of the United States to establish the  
5       position of the United States as the leading producer of  
6       hardrock minerals, including rare earth minerals, which  
7       will—

8               (1) create jobs and prosperity at home;

9               (2) strengthen supply chains for the United

10       States and the allies of the United States;

1           (3) safeguard the national Security of the  
2       United States; and

3           (4) reduce the global influence of malign and  
4       adversarial states.

5       **SEC. 2. ANALYZING ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF MINERAL NET**  
6                               **IMPORT RELIANCE.**

7           (a) COST OF NET IMPORT RELIANCE.—Not later  
8       than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,  
9       the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Natural  
10      Resources of the House of Representatives and the Com-  
11      mittee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate—

12           (1) for each mineral commodity included in the  
13      document published by the United States Geological  
14      Survey titled “Mineral Commodity Summaries  
15      2025” (Version 1.2; March 2025) for which the  
16      United States is reliant on imports, the dollar value  
17      associated with such reliance; and

18           (2) the overall impact on the economy of the  
19      United States of imports and exports of mineral  
20      commodities listed in the document published by the  
21      United States Geological Survey titled “Mineral  
22      Commodity Summaries 2025” (Version 1.2; March  
23      2025) for which the United States is reliant on im-  
24      ports.

1 (b) SUBSEQUENT INCLUSION.—Beginning in 2026,  
2 the Secretary, acting through the Director of the United  
3 States Geological Survey, shall include in each Mineral  
4 Commodity Summaries published by the United States  
5 Geological Survey the information described in paragraphs  
6 (1) and (2) of subsection (a).

7 **SEC. 3. PRIORITY PROJECTS.**

8 (a) PROJECT IDENTIFICATION.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 10 days after  
10 the date of the enactment of this Act and annually  
11 thereafter, the Secretary, in consultation with the  
12 Secretary of Agriculture, shall submit to the Com-  
13 mittee on Natural Resources of the House of Rep-  
14 resentatives and the Committee on Energy and Nat-  
15 ural Resources of the Senate a list of each mining  
16 project on Federal land for which a plan of oper-  
17 ations, a permit application, or other application for  
18 approval has been submitted to the Department of  
19 the Interior.

20 (2) APPROVAL OF CERTAIN PROJECTS.—Not  
21 later than 10 days after the date on which the Sec-  
22 retary submits the list required under paragraph  
23 (1), the Secretary shall, in consultation with the Sec-  
24 retary of Agriculture, with respect to each mining  
25 project included on the list—

1 (A) identify each priority mining project  
2 for which the Secretary can immediately ap-  
3 prove or issue each plan of operations, permit  
4 application, and other application for approval  
5 submitted to the Department of the Interior;  
6 and

7 (B) take all necessary and appropriate ac-  
8 tions to expedite and approve or issue each such  
9 plan of operations, permit application, and  
10 other application for approval.

11 (b) IDENTIFICATION OF POTENTIAL HARDROCK  
12 MINERAL AND BYPRODUCT PRODUCTION.—Not later  
13 than 10 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,  
14 the Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of Agri-  
15 culture, shall submit to the Committee on Natural Re-  
16 sources of the House of Representatives and the Com-  
17 mittee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate  
18 a list of each mining project on Federal land, whether ac-  
19 tive, inactive, or proposed, that has the potential to—

20 (1) increase production of hardrock minerals or  
21 the byproducts of hardrock minerals;

22 (2) expand operations to include the byproducts  
23 of hardrock minerals; or

24 (3) produce hardrock minerals from mine  
25 tailings.

1 **SEC. 4. MINING POTENTIAL ON FEDERAL LAND.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall identify all  
3 Federal land managed by the Secretary or the Secretary  
4 of Agriculture, which may be leased for the exploration,  
5 development, or production of hardrock minerals or is  
6 open to location under the Act of May 10, 1872 (com-  
7 monly known as the Mining Law of 1872), where—

8 (1) hardrock mineral exploration is being con-  
9 ducted;

10 (2) the Secretary, in consultation with the  
11 United States Geological Survey, determines  
12 hardrock minerals may be present but where thor-  
13 ough exploration has not been conducted; or

14 (3) known economically recoverable hardrock  
15 minerals are present.

16 (b) PRIORITY.—In identifying Federal land under  
17 subsection (a), the Secretary shall prioritize identifying  
18 Federal land on which the exploration, construction, or op-  
19 eration of a mining project—

20 (1) can most quickly be fully permitted and  
21 operational; and

22 (2) would have the greatest potential effect on  
23 the robustness of the domestic mineral supply chain.

24 (c) SUBMISSION OF LIST.—The Secretary shall annu-  
25 ally submit to the Committee on Natural Resources of the  
26 House of Representatives and the Committee on Energy

1 and Natural Resources of the Senate a list of all Federal  
2 land identified under subsection (a).

3 **SEC. 5. REGULATORY REVIEW.**

4 (a) IDENTIFYING BURDENSOME FEDERAL REGULA-  
5 TIONS.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the en-  
6 actment of this Act, the Secretary, in consultation with  
7 the Secretary of Agriculture, shall—

8 (1) review all existing regulations, orders, guid-  
9 ance documents, policies, settlements, consent or-  
10 ders, public land withdrawals, and any other agency  
11 actions within the jurisdiction of the Secretary (in  
12 this section referred to collectively as “agency ac-  
13 tion”) to identify each agency action that imposes an  
14 undue burden on the exploration, identification, de-  
15 velopment, or operation of domestic mining projects;

16 (2) solicit industry feedback on regulatory bot-  
17 tlenecks and recommended strategies to expedite ap-  
18 proval of mining projects on Federal land; and

19 (3) begin implementing an action plan—

20 (A) to implement industry feedback re-  
21 ceived pursuant to paragraph (2); and

22 (B) suspend, revise, or rescind, as applica-  
23 ble, each agency action identified as unduly  
24 burdensome under paragraph (1) as expedi-  
25 tiously as possible.

1 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date  
2 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary, in consultation  
3 with the Secretary of Agriculture, shall submit to Con-  
4 gress a report including—

5 (1) recommendations for changes to law in ef-  
6 fect as of the date of the enactment of this Act nec-  
7 essary to accomplish the policy described in section  
8 1; and

9 (2) a nationwide review of State and local stat-  
10 utes, regulations, and ordinances the Secretary de-  
11 termines impede development of domestic mining  
12 and mineral exploration projects.

13 **SEC. 6. MAP BABY MAP.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall prioritize ef-  
15 forts to accelerate the ongoing, detailed geologic mapping  
16 of the United States, with a focus on mapping previously  
17 unknown deposits of hardrock minerals.

18 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date  
19 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit  
20 to the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of  
21 Representatives and the Committee on Energy and Nat-  
22 ural Resources of the Senate a report regarding the  
23 progress and estimated completion date of the comprehen-  
24 sive national modern surface and subsurface mapping and  
25 data integration effort of the Department of the Interior

1 described in section 40201 of the Infrastructure Invest-  
2 ment and Jobs Act (43 U.S.C. 311).

3 **SEC. 7. DEFINITIONS.**

4 In this Act:

5 (1) FEDERAL LAND.—The term “Federal land”  
6 means—

7 (A) National Forest System land;

8 (B) public lands; and

9 (C) any land that may be leased for the ex-  
10 ploration, development, or production of  
11 hardrock minerals.

12 (2) HARDROCK MINERAL.—The term “hardrock  
13 mineral”—

14 (A) includes deposits of—

15 (i) minerals found in sedimentary or  
16 other rocks;

17 (ii) base metals;

18 (iii) precious metals;

19 (iv) industrial metals; and

20 (v) precious and semi-precious  
21 gemstones; and

22 (B) does not include deposits of—

23 (i) coal;

24 (ii) oil;

25 (iii) oil shale;



- 1 (iv) gas;
- 2 (v) sodium;
- 3 (vi) potassium;
- 4 (vii) sulfur; or
- 5 (viii) mineral materials subject to dis-
- 6 position under the Act of July 31, 1947,
- 7 commonly known as the Materials Act of
- 8 1947 (30 U.S.C. 601 et seq.).

9 (3) PUBLIC LANDS.—The term “public lands”  
10 has the meaning given the term in section 103 of the  
11 Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976  
12 (43 U.S.C. 1702).

13 (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
14 the Secretary of the Interior.

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