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H. R. 1810

To open Federal Bureau of Land Management and National Forest lands to leasing for exploration, development, and production of oil shale resources, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 31, 2009

Mrs. BACHMANN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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 “Fast Track Shale
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. OPENING OF LANDS TO OIL SHALE LEASING.**

7 (a) REPEAL OF LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS.—

8 Section 433 of division F of the Consolidated Appropria-

1 tions Act, 2008 (Public Law 110–161; 121 Stat. 2153)
2 is repealed.

3 (b) ISSUANCE OF REGULATIONS.—The Secretary of
4 the Interior shall issue all regulations necessary to imple-
5 ment section 369 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (Public
6 Law 109–58; 42 U.S.C. 15927) with respect to oil shale
7 by not later than 60 days after the date of the enactment
8 of this Act. Such regulations shall include such safeguards
9 and assurances as the Secretary considers necessary to
10 allow States to exercise their regulatory and statutory au-
11 thorities under State law, consistent with otherwise appli-
12 cable Federal law.

13 (c) LEASING OF OIL SHALE RESOURCE.—Imme-
14 diately after issuing regulations under subsection (b), the
15 Secretary of the Interior shall—

16 (1) offer for leasing for research and develop-
17 ment of oil shale resources under subsection (c) of
18 section 369 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (Pub-
19 lic Law 109–58; 42 U.S.C. 15927), additional 160-
20 acre tracts of lands the Secretary considers nec-
21 essary to fulfill the research and development objec-
22 tives of such Act; and

23 (2) offer for leasing for commercial exploration,
24 development, and production of oil shale resources
25 under subsection (e) of such section, public lands in

- 1 States for which the Secretary finds sufficient sup-
- 2 port and interest as required by that subsection.

