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To direct the Director of the Bureau of Land Management and the Chief of the United States Forest Service to conduct a study of onshore mineral values and the Director of the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management to conduct a study of offshore mineral values.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 27, 2024

Mr. ARRINGTON (for himself, Mr. NEWHOUSE, Mr. DONALDS, Mr. BACON, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. MOORE of Utah, and Mr. LAMBORN) 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 “Abundant American
5 Resources Act of 2024”.

1 **SEC. 2. ONSHORE AND OFFSHORE MINERAL VALUE STUD-**
2 **IES.**

3 (a) ONSHORE MINERAL STUDY.—Not later than
4 three years after the date of the enactment of this sec-
5 tion—

6 (1) the Director of the Bureau of Land Man-
7 agement, shall complete (including through a con-
8 tract with a private entity) a study to determine the
9 dollar value of liquid, gaseous, locatable, leasable,
10 and salable minerals present in each covered onshore
11 area under the jurisdiction of the Director; and

12 (2) the Chief of the Forest Service, shall com-
13 plete (including through a contract with a private
14 entity) a study to determine the dollar value of liq-
15 uid, gaseous, and locatable minerals present in each
16 covered onshore area under the jurisdiction of the
17 Chief.

18 (b) OFFSHORE MINERAL STUDY.—Not later than
19 three years after the date of the enactment of this section,
20 the Director of the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management
21 shall complete (including through a contract with a private
22 entity) a study to determine the dollar value of liquid, gas-
23 eous, and locatable minerals present in each covered off-
24 shore area under the jurisdiction of the Director.

25 (c) INCLUDED AND EXCLUDED AREAS.—The studies
26 required under subsections (a) and (b) shall—

1 (1) include co-managed areas; and

2 (2) exclude—

3 (A) any unit of the National Park System;

4 and

5 (B) any national monument designated as

6 an area of critical environmental concern before

7 January 1, 2000;

8 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

9 (1) the term “area of critical environmental
10 concern” has the meaning given such term under
11 section 1610.7–2 of title 43, Code of Federal Regu-
12 lations;

13 (2) the term “co-managed area” means an area
14 that is under the jurisdiction of two or more Federal
15 agencies;

16 (3) the term “covered onshore area” means—

17 (A) a national monument—

18 (i) that is not a marine national
19 monument; and

20 (ii) that was designated after Decem-
21 ber 31, 1999;

22 (B) an area of critical environmental con-
23 cern; and

24 (C) an area that has been withdrawn
25 from—

1 (i) entry under the general mining
2 laws; or

3 (ii) operation of the mineral leasing
4 and mineral materials laws;

5 (4) the term “covered offshore area” means—

6 (A) a marine national monument;

7 (B) an offshore area that has been with-
8 drawn from—

9 (i) entry under the general mining
10 laws; or

11 (ii) operation of the mineral leasing
12 and mineral materials laws; and

13 (C) an offshore area that is otherwise des-
14 ignated as an area under moratorium;

15 (5) the term “liquid minerals” includes crude
16 oil; and

17 (6) the term “gaseous minerals” includes nat-
18 ural gas.

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