

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 3195

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 1, 2024

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural
Resources

AN ACT

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.

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

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Superior National For-
3 est Restoration Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. SUPERIOR NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM LANDS IN**
5 **MINNESOTA.**

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10 is hereby rescinded.

11 (b) TIMELY REVIEW.—The Secretary shall complete
12 all necessary environmental and regulatory review, includ-
13 ing processes subject to the National Environmental Pol-
14 icy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), for all Mine
15 Plans of Operations within the Superior National Forest
16 lands in the State of Minnesota—

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

21 (2) with respect to a Mine Plan of Operations
22 submitted or resubmitted in the 7 year period begin-
23 ning on the date of the enactment of this section,
24 not later than 18 months after the date on which
25 such Mine Plan of Operations is submitted or resub-
26 mitted.

1 (c) REISSUANCE OF MINERAL LEASES.—

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

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

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

15 (1) the Secretary of the Interior; or

16 (2) when used with respect to any unit of the
17 National Forest System, the Secretary of Agri-
18 culture.

Passed the House of Representatives April 30, 2024.

Attest:

KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,

Clerk.