

Updates to Chairman Lee's Proposal of Disposal of Certain BLM Land for Housing

Chairman Lee's amended proposal makes changes to ensure that President Trump and his Administration are able to fulfill his campaign promise to "open up portions of federal land for large-scale housing construction." The amended proposal excludes all Forest Service land, expands upon President Trump's legacy as the President for hunting and fishing, and continues the Trump Administration's commitment to protect grazing and ranching.

Limits the Sale of Land to only Certain BLM Land, Excluding Forest Service Land

Chairman Lee's amended proposal dramatically narrows the scope of lands to be sold for housing. Only certain lands will be available for housing in communities where it is desperately needed to address the housing shortage in the West. The amended proposal focuses on just that by:

- Excluding all Forest Service land from eligibility;
- Reducing the amount of BLM acres to be sold in half, to no less than 0.25% and no more than 0.50% of BLM-managed land, a reduction from the original 0.5-0.75% requirement;
- Clarifying that only lands near population centers can be sold; and
- Ensuring that sales can only be used for housing.

Enhancing President Trump's Hunting, Fishing, and Recreational Legacy

Building on President Trump's legacy of ensuring access for hunting, fishing, and recreational access is a key priority of Chairman Lee. This is why the amended proposal focuses on expanding current hunting, fishing, and recreational access. The amended proposal provides 10% of the proceeds from each sale to be used for hunting, fishing, and recreational amenities and to address BLM's deferred maintenance backlog. The Congressional Budget Office estimates that this would generate \$600 million, a historic investment in hunting, fishing, and recreational access, cementing President Trump as the Conservation President.

Protecting Grazing Rights and other Valid Permitted Uses

Since the beginning of the Trump administration, Chairman Lee has worked with the President and Secretary Burgum to end the Biden Administration's war on the West and ranching. Chairman Lee is committed to ensuring that grazing rights and other valid permitted uses are protected. This is why the amended proposal specifically excludes land from sale where there are valid existing rights or grazing permits.

This proposal will ensure that the Trump administration is able to use certain federal land to address the housing crisis in the West and create strong economic growth, while also cementing President Trump's recreation and conservation legacy.