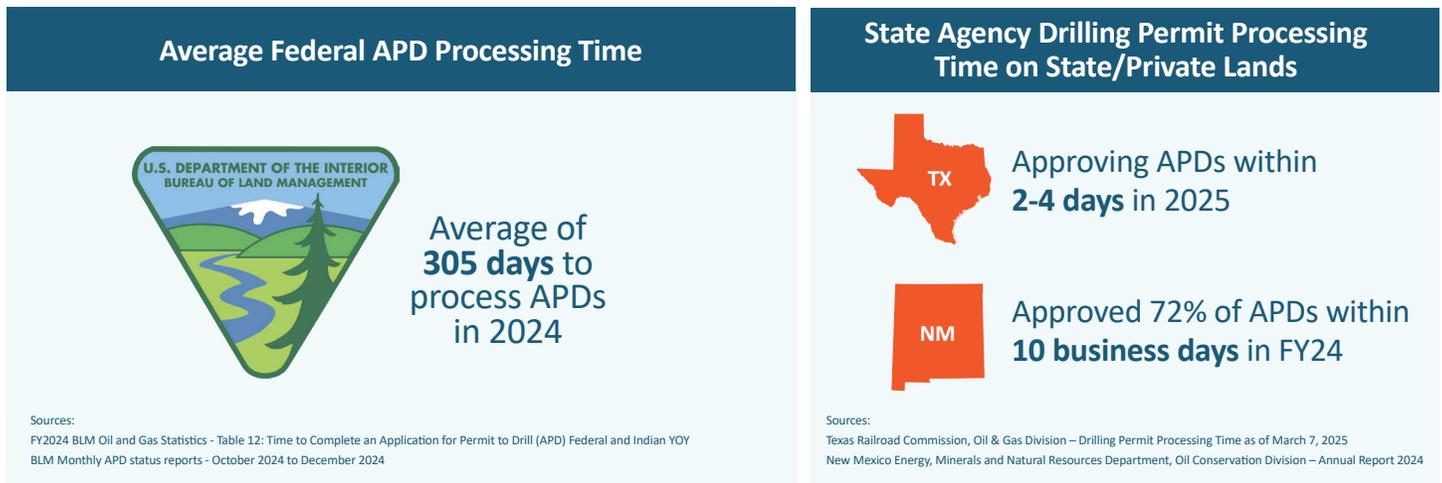


Establish Permit Predictability for Federal Lands

The modern American energy economy demands smart, responsible use of our natural resources.

America's Energy Resources Can Help Secure Our Energy Future

America's broken permitting system stifles production of affordable, reliable oil and natural gas on federal lands. For example, it can take 30-150 times longer for the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to process Applications for Permits to Drill (APDs) compared to state agencies in the Permian Basin. Fully harnessing America's abundant resources is essential to meet surging energy needs, support local economies, and ensure energy security for decades to come.



What's the Ask? Congress can fix these challenges by streamlining agency processes and removing barriers that have no meaningful environmental benefit for energy projects on federal lands.

Remove federal permitting on state and private lands with limited federal interest: Establish that Applications for Permits to Drill (APDs) aren't required if a minority of the minerals in a unit are federally owned and when the Federal Government doesn't own or lease the directly-impacted surface estate.

Enforce CatEx already established in law: Direct that categorical exclusions (CatEx) must be used when the statutorily-defined criteria are met and limit the circumstances when they can be avoided.

Implement a permit-by-rule system: Direct BLM to establish a permit-by-rule process for routine APDs that are not expected to have significant impact — e.g., drilling within existing development, covered by a recent NEPA review, etc. — and authorize BLM to delegate required environmental and cultural reviews to qualified third-parties for these low-risk projects.



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