The U.S. produced 10.4 million barrels of oil a day and 35.2 trillion cubic feet of marketed natural gas from onshore production in 2019. While the majority of this is on private land, limiting leasing and development on federal lands could have serious consequences.

Many energy industries – including the natural gas and oil, wind, and solar industries - lease from the abundance of federal lands to meet consumer demand. By leasing federal land and water, the natural gas and oil industry is able to tap into critical resources and produce cleaner, affordable energy for all Americans and enhance our energy security.

Federal lands (including land and water) are owned by the U.S. Government and can be used for conservation, recreation, and development of natural resources.