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To open Federal Bureau of Land Management and National Forest lands to leasing for exploration, development, and production of oil shale resources, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 31, 2009

Mrs. BACHMANN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the ''Fast Track Shale Act''.

SEC. 2. OPENING OF LANDS TO OIL SHALE LEASING.

(a) REPEAL OF LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS.—Section 433 of division F of the Consolidated Appropria-

tions Act, 2008 (Public Law 110–161; 121 Stat. 2153) is repealed.

(b) ISSUANCE OF REGULATIONS.—The Secretary of the Interior shall issue all regulations necessary to implement section 369 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (Public Law 109–58; 42 U.S.C. 15927) with respect to oil shale by not later than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act. Such regulations shall include such safeguards and assurances as the Secretary considers necessary to allow States to exercise their regulatory and statutory authorities under State law, consistent with otherwise applicable Federal law.

(c) LEASING OF OIL SHALE RESOURCE.—Immediately after issuing regulations under subsection (b), the Secretary of the Interior shall—

(1) offer for leasing for research and development of oil shale resources under subsection (c) of section 369 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (Public Law 109–58; 42 U.S.C. 15927), additional 160-acre tracts of lands the Secretary considers necessary to fulfill the research and development objectives of such Act; and

(2) offer for leasing for commercial exploration, development, and production of oil shale resources under subsection (e) of such section, public lands in

1 States for which the Secretary finds sufficient sup-
2 port and interest as required by that subsection.

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