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The Biden Ban: Impacts on Western States and Legal Efforts

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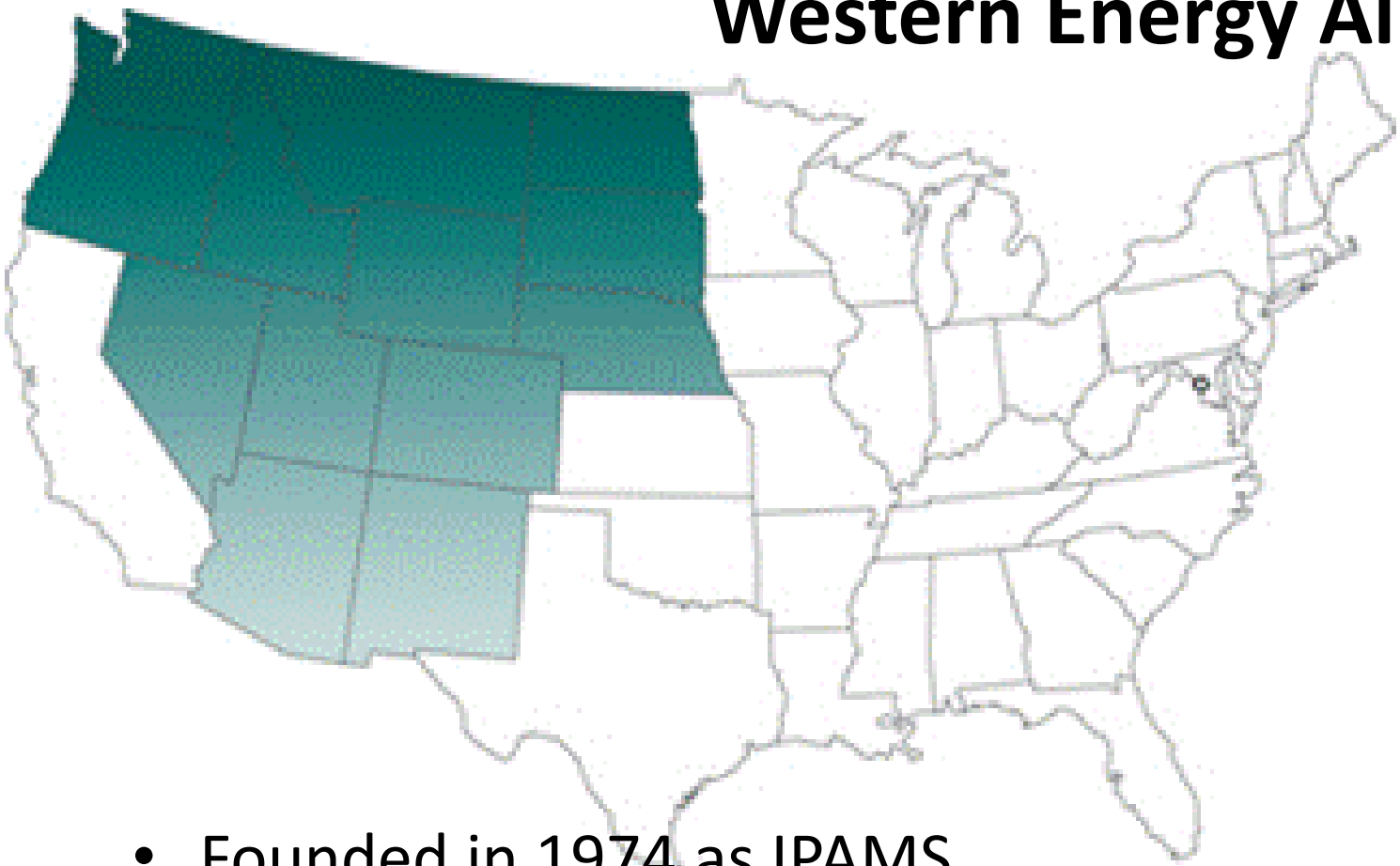
AGENDA

- Biden Leasing Ban
- Reducing the Risk
  - Litigation
  - Regulatory Advocacy
- Messaging
  - Economic costs
  - Environmental impacts

Western Energy Alliance

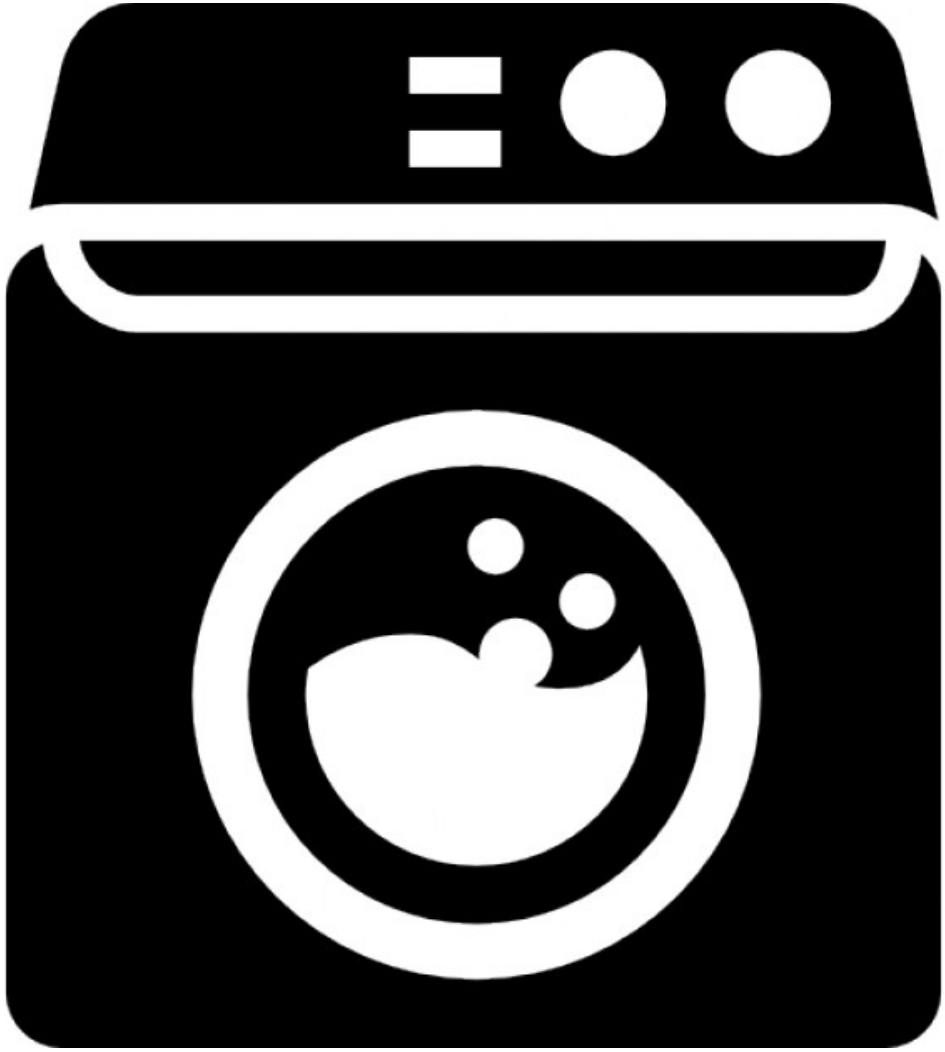


- Founded in 1974 as IPAMS
- 200 member companies
- Represents independents on federal issues
- Promotes environmentally responsible development

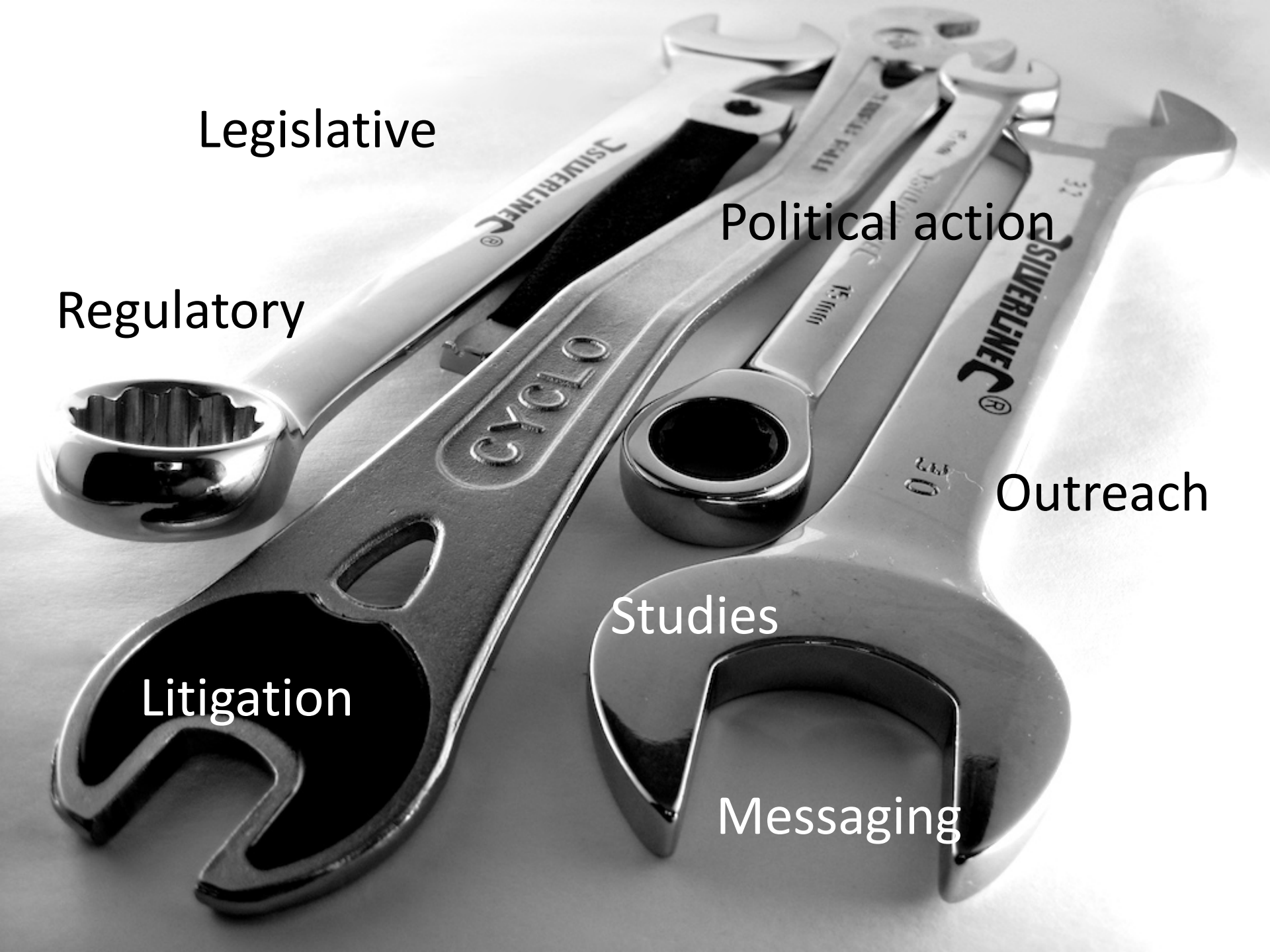
Differentiation

- Western regional perspective to Washington
- Federal environmental and regulatory issues
- Tip of the spear on public lands
- Outsized media presence
- Little Oil aggressive advocacy

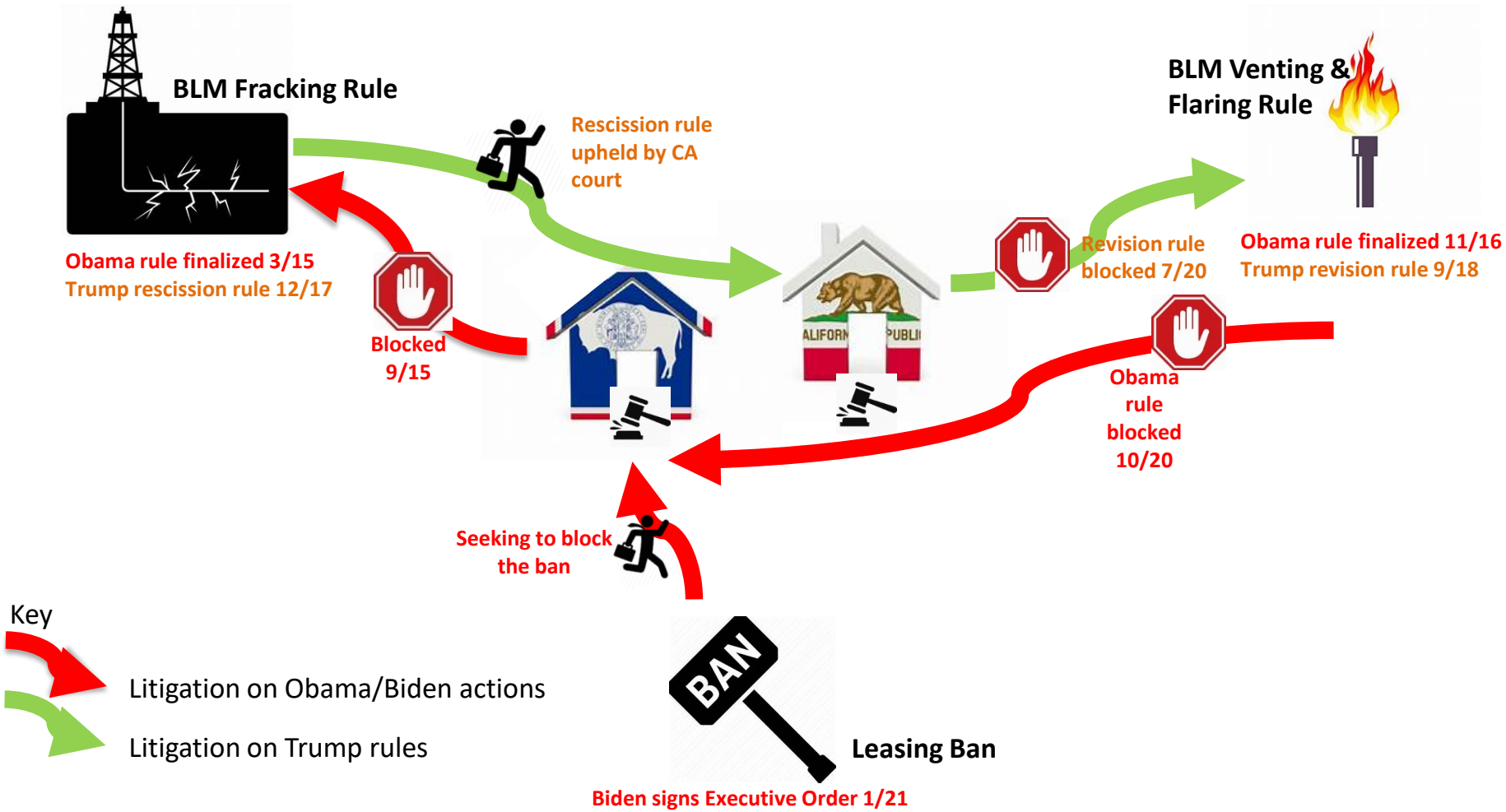
- Regulatory reorientation
- Bureaucratic realignment
- Methane rules
- Capital access



Rinse &
Repeat


Legislative
Political action
Regulatory
Outreach
Studies
Litigation
Messaging
SILVERLINE
CYCLO

Legal Model


BLM Fracking Rule
Obama rule finalized 3/15
Trump rescission rule 12/17
Rescission rule upheld by CA court
Blocked 9/15
Revision rule blocked 7/20
BLM Venting & Flaring Rule
Obama rule finalized 11/16
Trump revision rule 9/18
Obama rule blocked 10/20
Seeking to block the ban
BAN
Leasing Ban
Biden signs Executive Order 1/21
Key
Litigation on Obama/Biden actions
Litigation on Trump rules

Defense of all federal leasing

Mitigating regulatory risk

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BIDEN'S BAN OF OIL AND NATURAL GAS LEASING
ON PUBLIC LANDS WILL COST NORTH DAKOTA:
2,914
JOBS ANNUALLY
$748 MILLION
IN LOST WAGES

.6% ≠ 25%

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Meaningful results

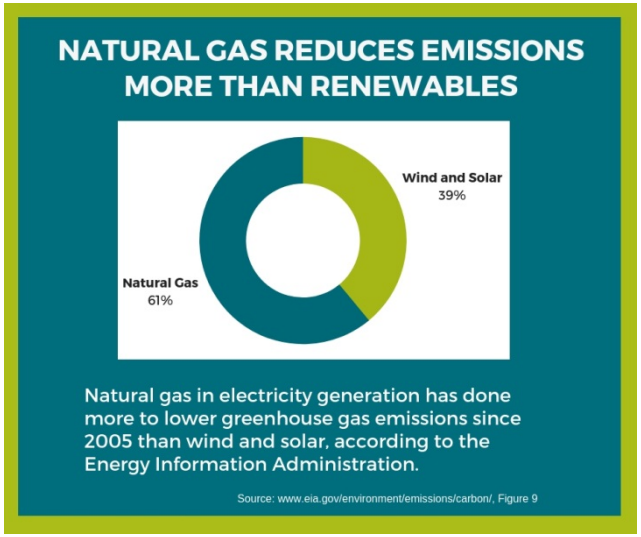
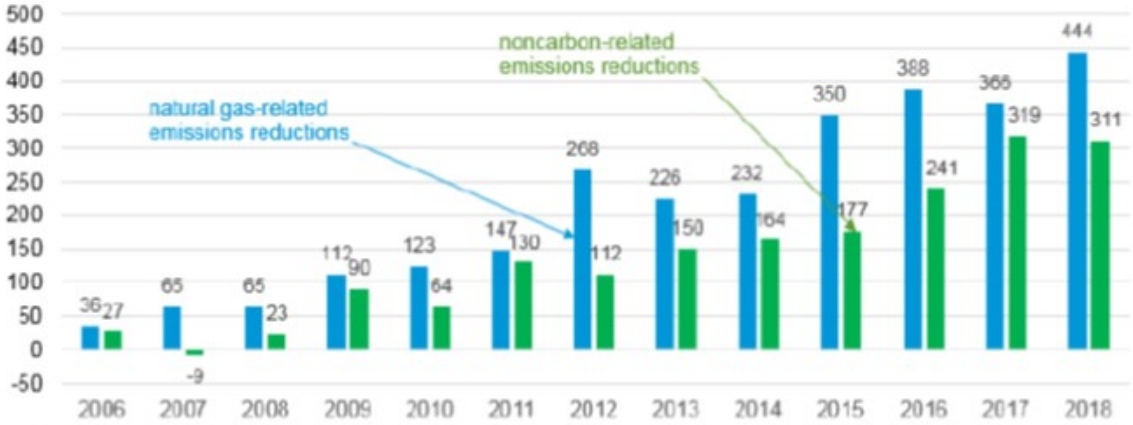
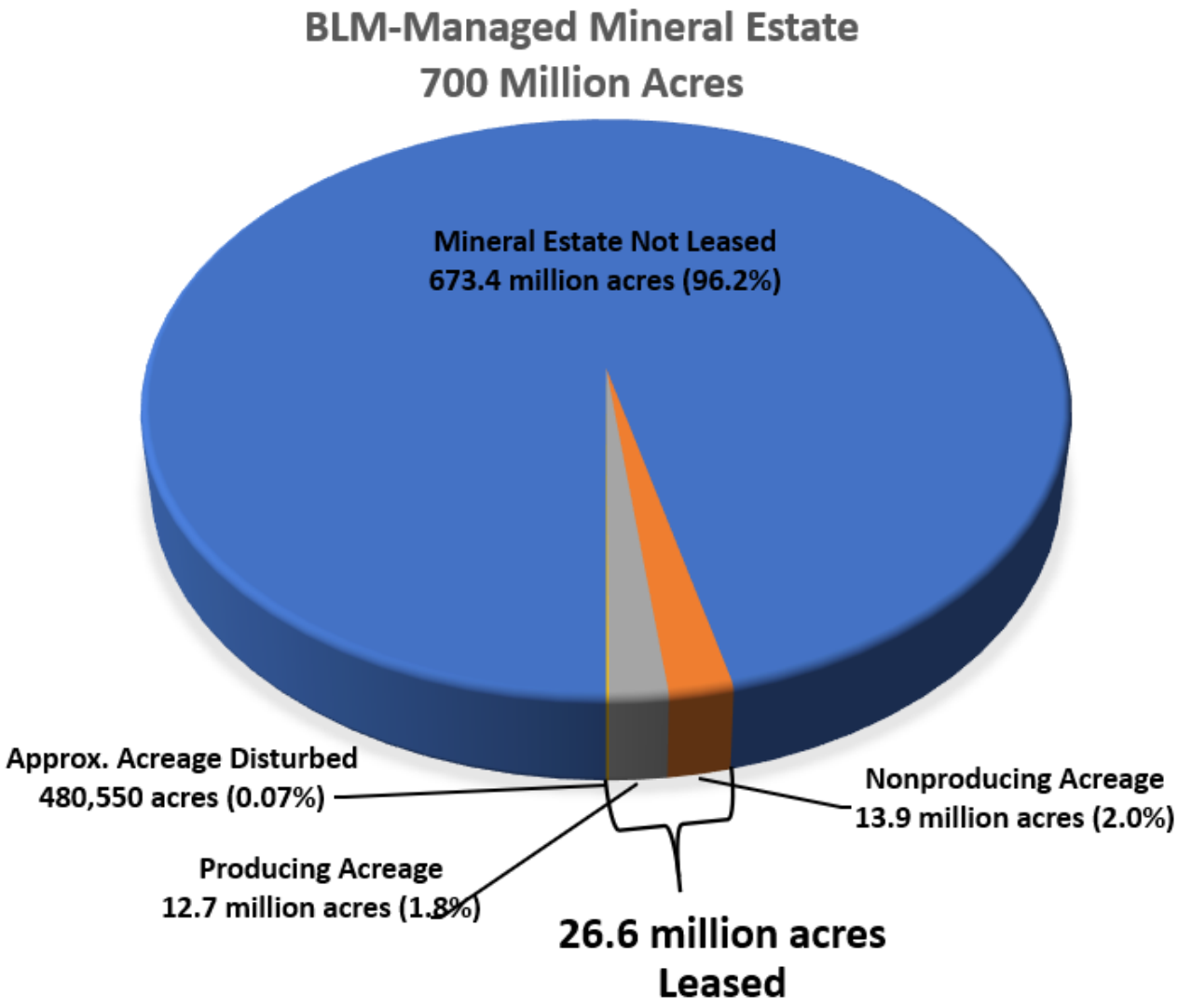


Figure 9. Electricity generation CO2 savings from changes in the fuel mix since 2005

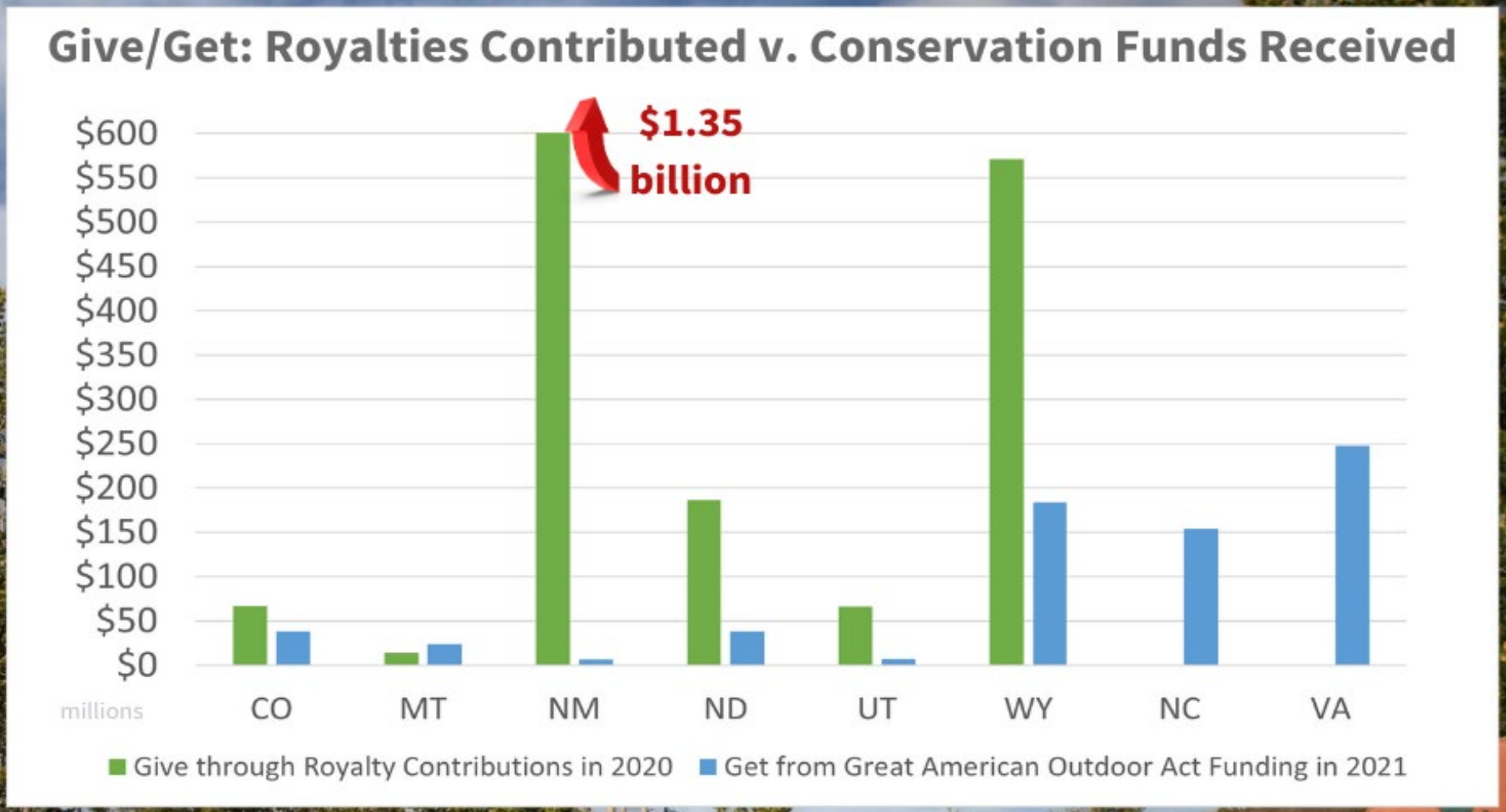
million metric tons of carbon dioxide



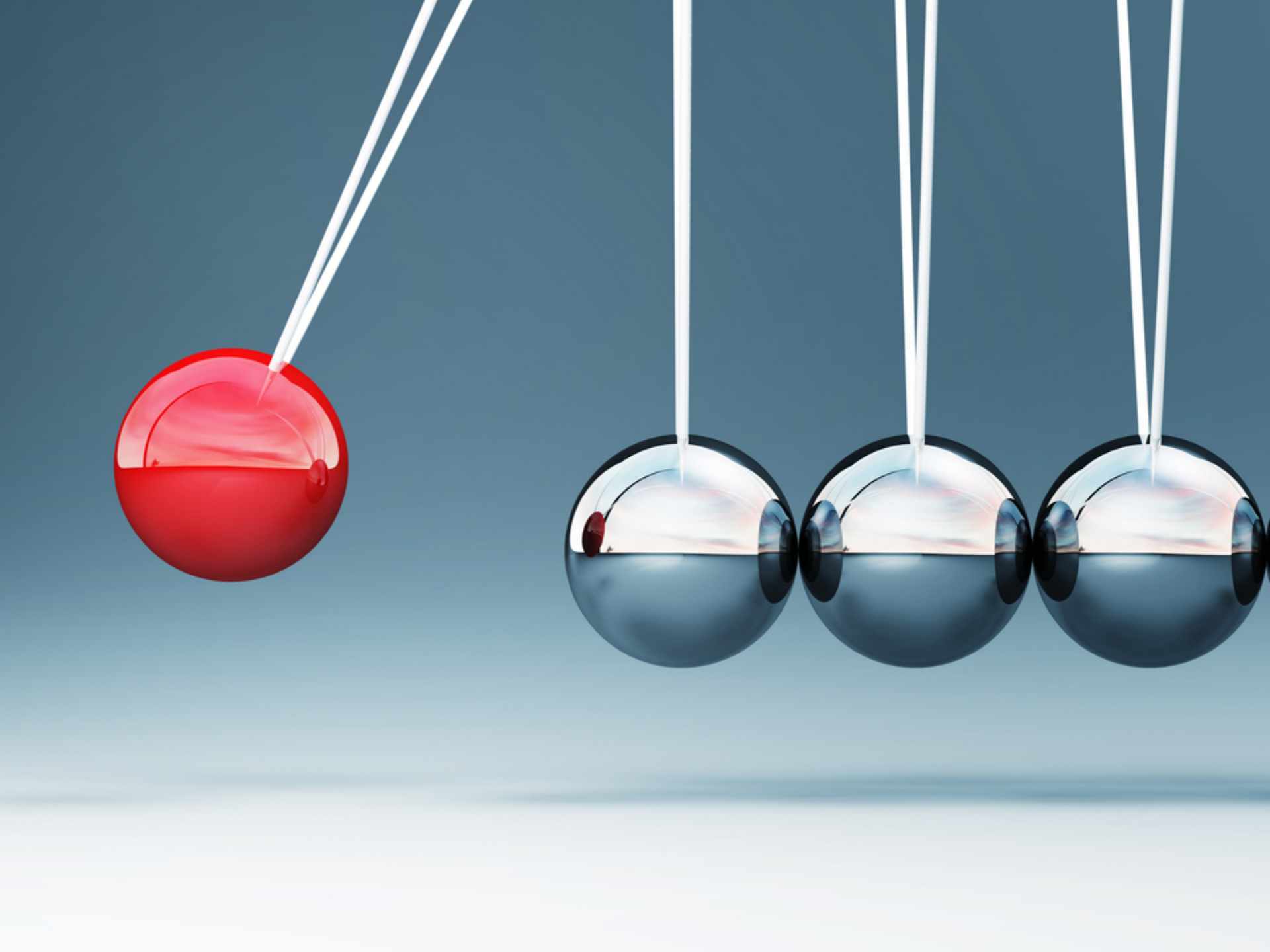
Sources: U.S. Energy Information Administration, Monthly Energy Review, October 2019, Table 11.6, Carbon Dioxide Emissions From Energy Consumption: Electric Power Sector and calculations made for this analysis based on Table 7.3c, Consumption of Selected Combustible Fuels for Electricity Generation: Commercial and Industrial Sectors


BLM-Managed Mineral Estate
700 Million Acres
Mineral Estate Not Leased
673.4 million acres (96.2%)
Approx. Acreage Disturbed
480,550 acres (0.07%)
Nonproducing Acreage
13.9 million acres (2.0%)
Producing Acreage
12.7 million acres (1.8%)
26.6 million acres
Leased

Parks in Wreck
Challenge
#FixOurParks


Give/Get: Royalties Contributed v. Conservation Funds Received
$1.35 billion
$600
$550
$500
$450
$400
$350
$300
$250
$200
$150
$100
$50
$0
millions
CO
MT
NM
ND
UT
WY
NC
VA
Give through Royalty Contributions in 2020
Get from Great American Outdoor Act Funding in 2021

YELLOWSTONE
NATIONAL
PARK



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