Economic Costs of WOTUS on Small Businesses

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According to SBA Office of Advocacy data, President Biden’s new WOTUS Rule will impact **32,596 IDAHO** small businesses.

**INDUSTRIES AT RISK**

**Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting**

- An estimated **3,424 SMALL BUSINESSES** are impacted
- An estimated **3,143 EMPLOYEES** are impacted

**Construction**

- An estimated **24,498 SMALL BUSINESSES** are impacted
- An estimated **46,846 EMPLOYEES** are impacted

**Manufacturing**

- An estimated **4,674 SMALL BUSINESSES** are impacted
- An estimated **27,701 EMPLOYEES** are impacted

The EPA and the Army Corps of Engineers unveiled their final Revised Definition of WOTUS, which would significantly *expand regulations around permits* for land and building projects. It would create significant uncertainty around what criteria will be used to determine whether a permit is ultimately awarded. The Rule would even require private individuals to prove water on their land is *not* under the federal government’s jurisdiction. The rule is *effective starting March 20, 2023*.

**U.S. SENATE COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS & ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

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