Economic Costs of WOTUS on Small Businesses

MONTANA

According to SBA Office of Advocacy data, President Biden’s new WOTUS Rule will impact 25,942 MONTANA small businesses.

INDUSTRIES AT RISK

Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting

- An estimated 3,354 SMALL BUSINESSES are impacted
- An estimated 954 EMPLOYEES are impacted

Construction

- An estimated 19,170 SMALL BUSINESSES are impacted
- An estimated 25,287 EMPLOYEES are impacted

Manufacturing

- An estimated 3,418 SMALL BUSINESSES are impacted
- An estimated 14,449 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.