Economic Costs of WOTUS on Small Businesses

WYOMING

According to SBA Office of Advocacy data, President Biden’s new WOTUS Rule will impact **10,946 WYOMING** small businesses.

**INDUSTRIES AT RISK**

- **Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting**
  - An estimated 1,630 SMALL BUSINESSES are impacted
  - An estimated 192 EMPLOYEES are impacted

- **Construction**
  - An estimated 7,766 SMALL BUSINESSES are impacted
  - An estimated 15,713 EMPLOYEES are impacted

- **Manufacturing**
  - An estimated 1,550 SMALL BUSINESSES are impacted
  - An estimated 5,711 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.

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