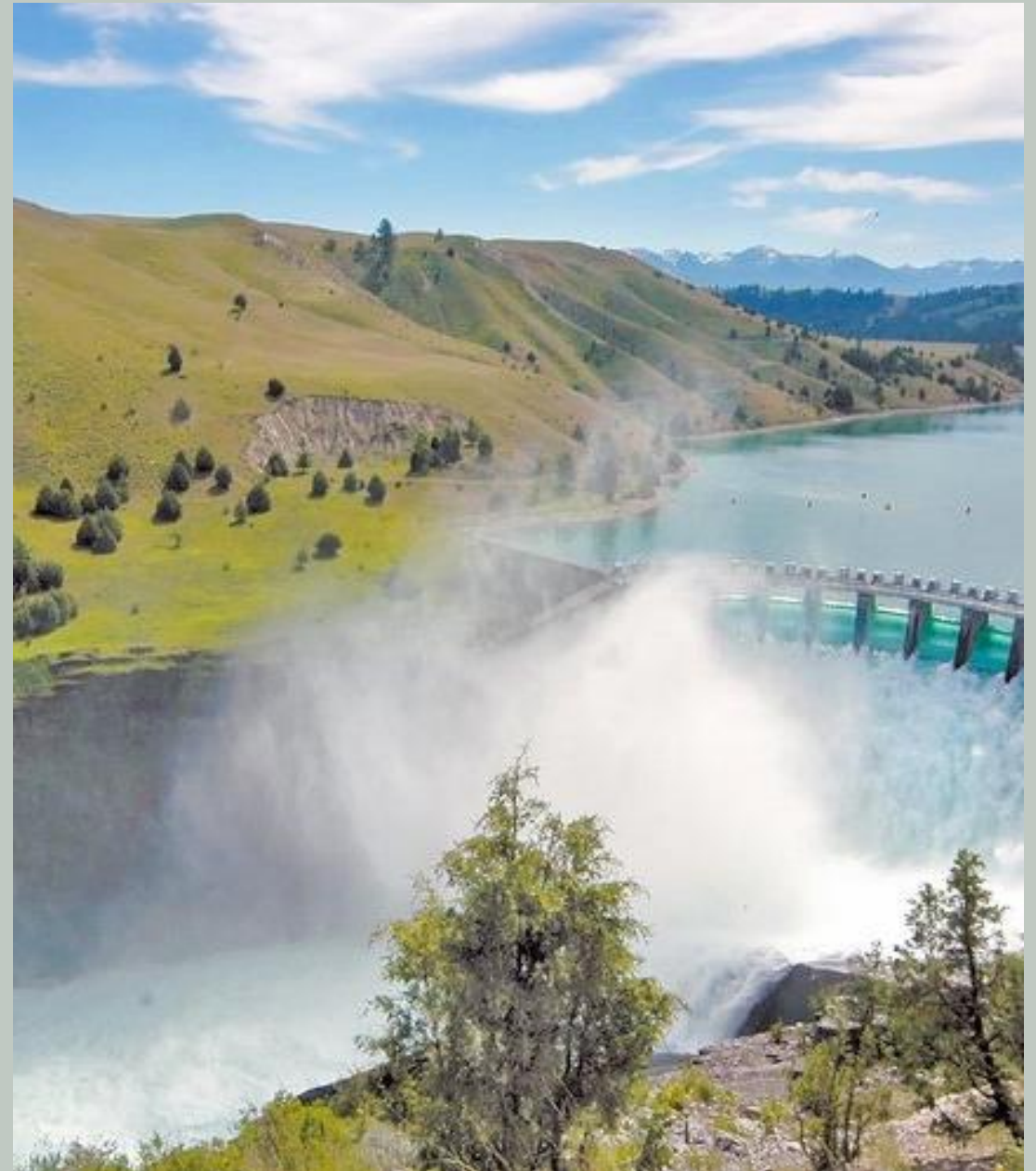

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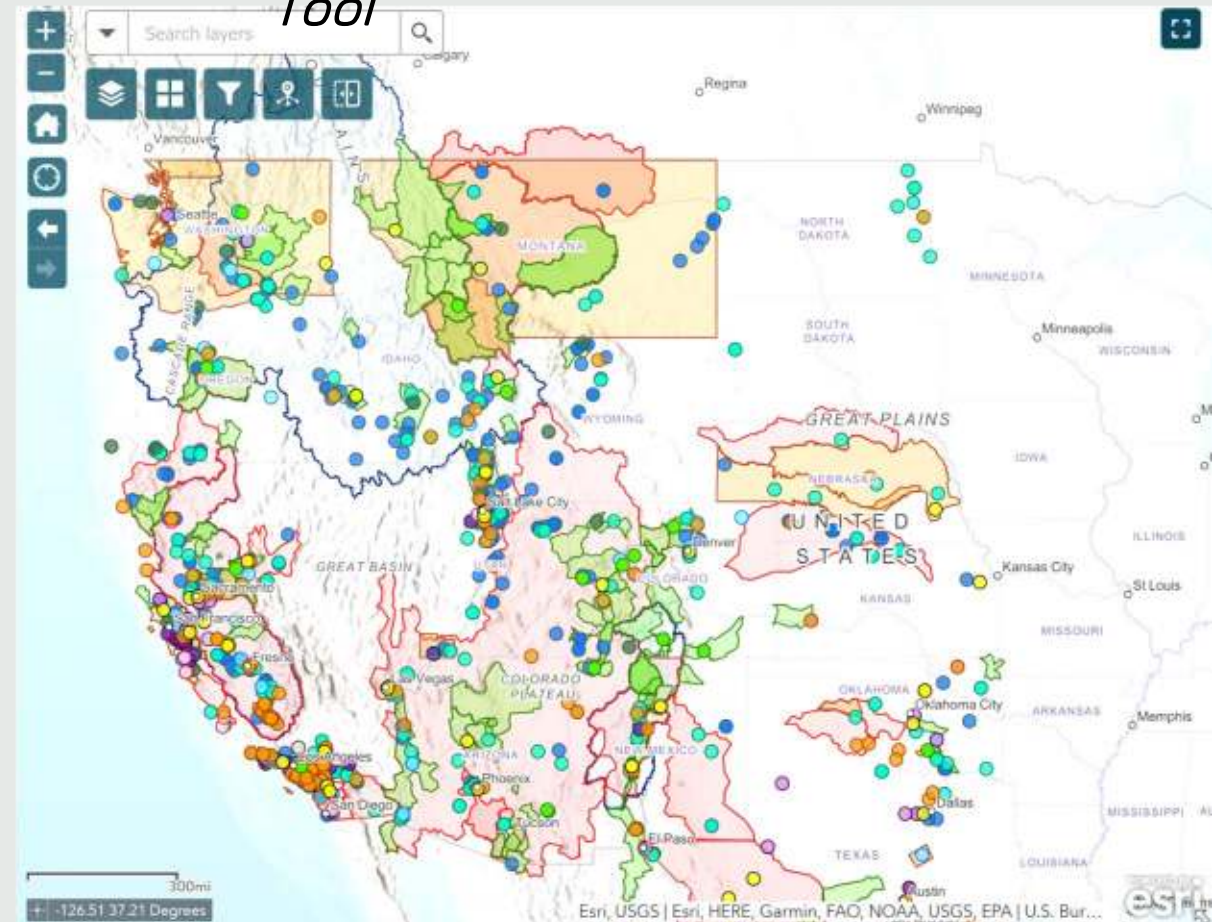
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H.R. 6238 the WaterSMART Access for Tribes Act



- Sponsor: Representative Melanie Stansbury-NM
- Summary: Allows the Department of the Interior to reduce or waive the nonfederal share of certain grants and agreements for assisting Indian tribes.
 - Planning, designing, or construction of any water management improvements or water-related activities
 - Tribe does not have sufficient funds to pay the cost share.

WaterSMART - Data Visualization Tool



H.R. 7632 the Rural Water Supply Act of 2006 and Reclamation's Program

- **Sponsors:** Representative Joe Neguse- CO
- **Summary:** Reauthorizes the Rural Water Supply Act of 2006 (P. L. 109-451) and the Bureau of Reclamation's Rural Water Supply Program
 - Work with rural communities, states, and tribes, to assess potable water supply needs
 - Reauthorizes through FY2032 the Bureau of Reclamation's Rural Water Supply Program.
 - Establishes a grant program for tribal clean water access projects. Funding for the Native American Affairs Technical Assistance Program.

S. 953 Water for Conservation and Farming Act

- **Sponsor:** Senator Ron Wyden - OR
- **Summary:** Establishes the BOR Infrastructure Fund to support water-related programs; water reclamation, reuse, dam safety, and the WaterSMART program.
- **BOR Concerns of the Bill:** Reclamation has raised serious concerns related to **Section 202 of S. 953**, which would amend the SECURE Water Act with restrictive new language to prohibit any grant that would “**increase the consumptive use of water for agricultural operations above the pre-project levels,**” even for downstream users who are not the recipient of the grant.



<https://www.science.org/content/article/food-and-farming-could-stymie-climate-efforts-researchers-say>

S. 2334 Large Scale Water Recycling Project & Drought Resiliency Investment Act

- **Sponsor:** Senator Catherine Cortez Masto - NV
- **Summary:** Department of the Interior to award grants to water or power delivery authorities
 - Planning, design, and construction of large-scale water recycling and reuse projects in drought-stricken regions of certain Western states.
 - Includes emergency drought planning as a watershed management



<https://www.pbs.org/newshour/nation/more-human-remains-in-lake-mead-found-amid-water-level-drop>

S. 3539 Watershed Results Act

- **Sponsor:** Senator Ron Wyden – Oregon
- **Summary:** The Secretary of Interior, Secretary of Agriculture and Environmental Protection Agency, will work together to establish 2 to 5 watershed restoration pilot programs across the country
 - Emphasis on predictive data analysis to locate the most effective acres for restoration
 - Each pilot program must work with state, local, and Tribal representatives, nongovernmental organizations, and private sector representatives

S. 3693 & H.R. 5001 Upper Colorado and San Juan Basins Recovery Act

- **Sponsor:** Senator John Hickenlooper – CO, Representative Joe Neguse –CO
- **Summary:** Extend the Secretary of Interior's authority to implement endangered fish recovery programs for the upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins from 2023 to 2024.
 - Raises the ceiling on costs for the Recovery Implementation Program for Endangered Fish Species in the Upper Colorado River Basin and lowers the ceiling on costs for the San Juan River Recovery Implementation Program.
 - **HR: Passed House** 03/15/2022 On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: 397 - 27 (Roll no. 72).



Cutthroat trout:

<https://www.aspentimes.com/opinion/guest-commentary-bipartisan-bill-would-expand-upper-colorado-san-juan-river-conservation-programs/>

S. 4231 Rehydrate the Environment, Agriculture, and Municipalities Act (STREAM ACT)

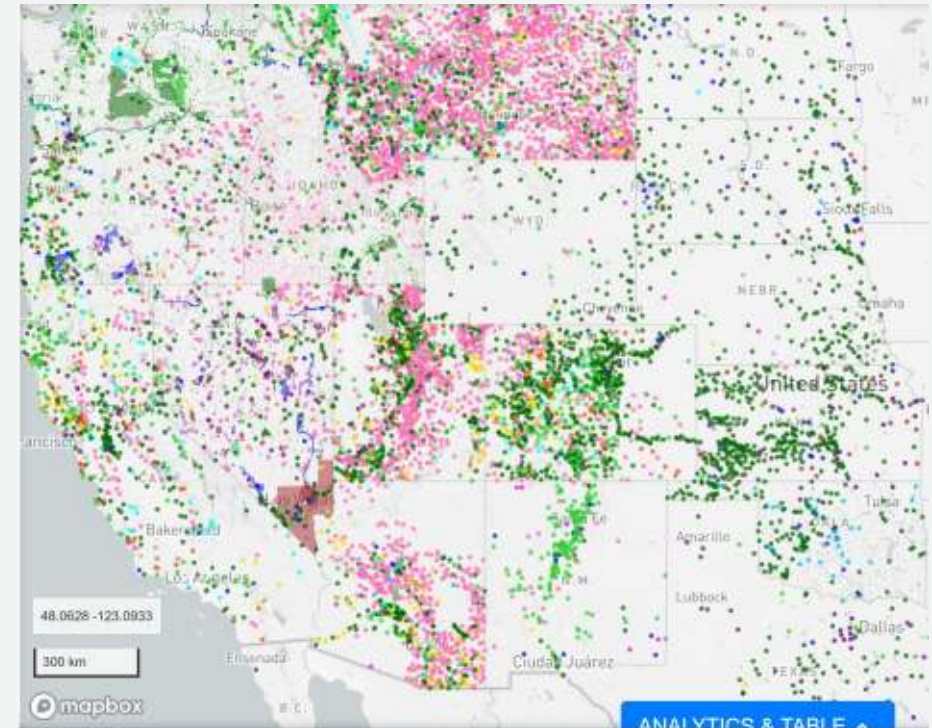
- **Sponsor:** Senator Dianne Feinstein - CA
- **Summary:** Expedites non-federal storage projects with less than \$250M in federal funding, water recycling, and desalination
 - Funding for surface and groundwater storage and conveyance projects
 - Establishes a Reclamation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation program- low-interest loans for water supply projects recommended by the BOR



<https://www.watereducation.org/aquapedia/california-aqueduct>

S. 4236 Water Data Act-Title I to Provide for a National Water Data Framework

- **Sponsor:** Senator Martin Heinrich – NM
- **Summary:** Establish a national water data framework for sharing, integrating, and utilizing water data and supporting the development of innovative water data technologies and tools.
 - Develop common standards for water data.
 - Establish a new grant program under the Department of the Interior



<https://westdaatqa.westernstateswater.org/>

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