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Late breaking news for OW Staff Meeting:

County Road 595 404 Permit in Michigan

* House Natural Resources Committee will have a hearing on March 28 on "America's Mineral Resources: Creating Mining and Manufacturing Jobs and Securing America."
* At the hearing, the Marquette County Road Commission engineer-manager will testify about federal regulatory challenges encountered in the unsuccessful attempt to have the County Road 595 project permitted.
* The permit was proposed by the State of Michigan, and Region 5 objected to the permit based on potential impacts and lack of a mitigation plan. The Region later revised its objection to only the lack of a mitigation plan. The State subsequently decided to not issue the permit.
* Based on his quotes in the Marquette local newspaper, we expect the engineer-manager to say that EPA never liked the project from the start and for months worked to change expectations and requirements.