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OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
DURING THE  
ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH CONGRESS  
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On January 3, 2013, pursuant to H. Res. 6, Chairman Doc Hastings of Washington, was elected to the Committee.

On January 3, 2013, pursuant to H. Res. 7, Ranking Member Edward J. Markey of Massachusetts, was elected to the Committee.

On January 3, 2013, pursuant to H. Res. 7, Minority (Democrat) Members (17) were elected to the Committee.

On January 4, 2013, pursuant to H. Res. 17, the Majority (Republican) Members (26) were elected to the Committee.

On January 14, 2013, pursuant to H. Res. 22, Minority (Democrat) Members (4) were elected to the Committee.

On February 25, 2013, Mr. Andy Harris of Maryland, resigned from the Committee.

On June 12, 2013, pursuant to H. Res. 257, Mr. Jason Smith of Missouri, was elected to the Committee.

On July 15, 2013, Mr. Edward Markey of Massachusetts, resigned from the Committee, the U.S. House of Representatives and was elected to the U.S. Senate.

On July 18, 2013, Mr. Peter A. DeFazio of Oregon, was approved as Ranking Member by the Democratic Caucus.

On December 11, 2013, Mr. Mark Amodei of Nevada, resigned from the Committee.

On December 11, 2013, Mr. Chris Stewart of Utah, resigned from the Committee.

On December 11, 2013, pursuant to H. Res. 437, Mr. Vance McAllister of Louisiana, was elected to the Committee.

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**LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL**

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES,  
*December 23, 2013.*

Hon. KAREN L. HAAS,  
*Clerk of the House of Representatives,*  
*The Capitol, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MS. HAAS: Pursuant to clause 1(d)(1) of rule XI and rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives, here is the annual report, encompassing the period of January 3, 2013 through December 16, 2013, of legislative and oversight activities of the Committee on Natural Resources during the first session of the 113th Congress.

Sincerely,

DOC HASTINGS,  
*Chairman.*



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Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, from the Committee on Natural Resources, submitted the following

### R E P O R T

together with

### ADDITIONAL AND DISSENTING VIEWS

#### ORGANIZATION

The Committee on Natural Resources met on January 23, 2013, for an organizational meeting of the 113th Congress under the direction of Chairman Doc Hastings. The Committee membership was 47 Members with 26 Republicans and 21 Democrats.

The Committee established five subcommittees: Energy and Mineral Resources (Doug Lamborn of Colorado, Chairman); Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs (John Fleming of Louisiana, Chairman); Indian and Alaska Native Affairs (Don Young of Alaska, Chairman); Public Lands and Environmental Regulation (Rob Bishop of Utah, Chairman); and Water and Power (Tom McClintock of California, Chairman).

#### JURISDICTION

The jurisdiction of the Committee on Natural Resources, as prescribed by *clause (m)(1) of Rule X* of the Rules of the House is as follows:

- (1) Fisheries and wildlife, including research, restoration, refuges, and conservation.
- (2) Forest reserves and national parks created from the public domain.

(3) Forfeiture of land grants and alien ownership, including alien ownership of mineral lands.

(4) Geological Survey.

(5) International fishing agreements.

(6) Interstate compacts relating to apportionment of waters for irrigation purposes.

(7) Irrigation and reclamation, including water supply for reclamation projects and easements of public lands for irrigation projects; and acquisition of private lands when necessary to complete irrigation projects.

(8) Native Americans generally, including the care and allotment of Native American lands and general and special measures relating to claims that are paid out of Native American funds.

(9) Insular possessions of the United States generally (except those affecting the revenue and appropriations).

(10) Military parks and battlefields, national cemeteries administered by the Secretary of the Interior, parks within the District of Columbia, and the erection of monuments to the memory of individuals.

(11) Mineral land laws and claims and entries thereunder.

(12) Mineral resources of the public lands.

(13) Mining interests generally.

(14) Mining schools and experimental stations.

(15) Marine affairs, including coastal zone management (except for measures relating to oil and other pollution of navigable waters).

(16) Oceanography.

(17) Petroleum conservation on public lands and conservation of the radium supply in the United States.

(18) Preservation of prehistoric ruins and objects of interest on the public domain.

(19) Public lands generally, including entry, easements, and the grazing thereon.

(20) Relations of the United States with Native Americans and Native American tribes.

(21) Trans-Alaska Oil Pipeline (except ratemaking).

## ACTIVITIES REPORT

### COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES STATISTICS

Total number of bills and resolutions referred .....	471
Total number of meeting days:	
Full Committee (25)	
Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources (18)	
Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs (11)	
Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs (6)	
Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation (24)	
Subcommittee on Water and Power (10)	
Total .....	94
Total number of bills ordered reported from Committee .....	115
Total number of reports filed .....	89
Total number of bills referred to/discharged by Committee on Natural Resources and passed by the House of Representatives .....	54
Total number of public laws .....	11
Total number of bills enacted into law .....	15

## FULL COMMITTEE

## I. LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

*A. Legislative Hearings, Markups and Administrative Business Meetings*

*January 23, 2013*—Full Committee met to organize for the 113th Congress; adopt the Committee Rules, agree to an oversight plan, and adopt the Committee Staff Hiring Resolution.

*February 14, 2013*—Hearing held on H.R. 527, To amend the Helium Act to complete the privatization of the Federal helium reserve in a competitive market fashion that ensures stability in the helium markets while protecting the interests of American taxpayers, and for other purposes.

*March 20, 2013*—Markup held on H.R. 254, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to facilitate the development of hydroelectric power on the Diamond Fork System of the Central Utah Project; H.R. 291, To provide for the conveyance of certain cemeteries that are located on National Forest System land in Black Hills National Forest, South Dakota; H.R. 507, To provide for the conveyance of certain land inholdings owned by the United States to the Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona, and for other purposes; H.R. 527, To amend the Helium Act to complete the privatization of the Federal helium reserve in a competitive market fashion that ensures stability in the helium markets while protecting the interests of American taxpayers, and for other purposes; H.R. 588, To provide for donor contribution acknowledgments to be displayed at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Visitor Center, and for other purposes; H.R. 678, To authorize all Bureau of Reclamation conduit facilities for hydropower development under Federal Reclamation law, and for other purposes; H.R. 716, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to the city of Vancouver, Washington, and for other purposes; H.R. 1033, To authorize the acquisition and protection of nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 under the American Battlefield Protection Program; and H.R. 1159, To modify the Forest Service Recreation Residence Program by implementing a simple, equitable, and predictable procedure for determining cabin user fees, and for other purposes.

*April 24, 2013*—Markup held on H.R. 3, To approve the construction, operation, and maintenance of the Keystone XL pipeline, and for other purposes; H.R. 85, To create the Office of Chief Financial Officer of the Government of the Virgin Islands, and for other purposes; H.R. 126, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to enter into an agreement to provide for management of the free-roaming wild horses in and around the Currituck National Wildlife Refuge; H.R. 251, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal features of the electric distribution system to the South Utah Valley Electric Service District, and for other purposes; H.R. 253, To provide for the conveyance of a small parcel of National Forest System land in the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest in Utah to Brigham Young University, and for other purposes; H.R. 330, To designate a Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial at the March Field Air Museum in Riverside, California; H.R. 356, To clarify authority granted under the Act entitled “An Act to define

the exterior boundary of the Uintah and Ouray Indian Reservation in the State of Utah, and for other purposes"; H.R. 462, To require the conveyance of certain public land within the boundaries of Camp Williams, Utah, to support the training and readiness of the Utah National Guard; H.R. 520, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of alternatives for commemorating and interpreting the role of the Buffalo Soldiers in the early years of the National Parks, and for other purposes; H.R. 573, To amend Public Law 93-435 with respect to the Northern Mariana Islands, providing parity with Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa; H.R. 674, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating prehistoric, historic, and limestone forest sites on Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as a unit of the National Park System; H.R. 723, To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of the Beaver, Chipuxet, Queen, Wood, and Pawcatuck Rivers in the States of Connecticut and Rhode Island for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes; H.R. 739, To require the Office of Management and Budget to prepare a crosscut budget for restoration activities in the Chesapeake Bay watershed, to require the Environmental Protection Agency to develop and implement an adaptive management plan, and for other purposes; H.R. 767, To amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to modify the Pilot Project offices of the Federal Permit Streamlining Pilot Project; H.R. 829, To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of Illabot Creek in Skagit County, Washington, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System; H.R. 862, To authorize the conveyance of two small parcels of land within the boundaries of the Coconino National Forest containing private improvements that were developed based upon the reliance of the landowners in an erroneous survey conducted in May 1960; H.R. 876, To authorize the continued use of certain water diversions located on National Forest System land in the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness and the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness in the State of Idaho, and for other purposes; H.R. 885, To expand the boundary of San Antonio Missions National Historical Park, to conduct a study of potential land acquisitions, and for other purposes; H.R. 934, To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act related to a segment of the Lower Merced River in California, and for other purposes; H.R. 993, To provide for the conveyance of certain parcels of National Forest System land to the city of Fruit Heights, Utah; H.R. 1156, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to adjust the boundary of the Stephen Mather Wilderness and the North Cascades National Park in order to allow the rebuilding of a road outside of the floodplain while ensuring that there is no net loss of acreage to the Park or the Wilderness, and for other purposes; H.R. 1157, To ensure public access to the summit of Rattlesnake Mountain in the Hanford Reach National Monument for educational, recreational, historical, scientific, cultural, and other purposes; H.R. 1158, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to continue stocking fish in certain lakes in the North Cascades National Park, Ross Lake National Recreation Area, and Lake Chelan National Recreation Area; H.R. 1206, To grant the Secretary of the Interior permanent authority to authorize States to issue electronic duck stamps, and for

other purposes; H.R. 1208, To establish the Manhattan Project National Historical Park in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, Los Alamos, New Mexico, and Hanford, Washington, and for other purposes; H.R. 1241, To facilitate a land exchange involving certain National Forest System lands in the Inyo National Forest, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1377, To authorize the Mescalero Apache Tribe to lease adjudicated water rights.

*May 15, 2013*—Markup held on H.R. 687, To facilitate the efficient extraction of mineral resources in southeast Arizona by authorizing and directing an exchange of Federal and non-Federal land, and for other purposes; H.R. 761, To require the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to more efficiently develop domestic sources of the minerals and mineral materials of strategic and critical importance to United States economic and national security and manufacturing competitiveness; H.R. 819, To authorize pedestrian and motorized vehicular access in Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area, and for other purposes; H.R. 910, To reauthorize the Sikes Act; H.R. 957, To reduce temporarily the royalty required to be paid for sodium produced on Federal lands, and for other purposes; H.R. 981, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a global rare earth element assessment, and for other purposes; H.R. 1063, To require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct an assessment of the capability of the Nation to meet our current and future demands for the minerals critical to United States manufacturing and agricultural competitiveness and economic and national security in a time of expanding resource nationalism, and for other purposes; H.R. 1080, To amend the Sikes Act to promote the use of cooperative agreements under such Act for land management related to Department of Defense readiness activities and to amend title 10, United States Code, to facilitate interagency cooperation in conservation programs to avoid or reduce adverse impacts on military readiness activities; H.R. 1169, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to transfer to the Secretary of the Navy certain Federal land in Churchill County, Nevada; H.R. 1299, To provide for the transfer of certain public land currently administered by the Bureau of Land Management to the administrative jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Army for inclusion in White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico, and for other purposes; H.R. 1300, To amend the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 to reauthorize the volunteer programs and community partnerships for the benefit of national wildlife refuges, and for other purposes; H.R. 1384, To provide for the issuance of a Wildlife Refuge System Conservation Semipostal Stamp; H.R. 1574, To amend the Dayton Aviation Heritage Preservation Act of 1992 to rename a site of the park; H.R. 1613, To amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to provide for the proper Federal management and oversight of transboundary hydrocarbon reservoirs, and for other purposes; H.R. 1672, To withdraw and reserve certain public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management for exclusive military use as part of the Limestone Hills Training Area, Montana, and for other purposes; H.R. 1673, To provide for the transfer of certain public land currently administered by the Bureau of Land Management to the administrative jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Navy for inclusion in Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake, California, and for other purposes; H.R. 1676, To designate the Johnson Valley

National Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Area in San Bernardino County, California, to authorize limited military use of the area, to provide for the transfer of the Southern Study Area to the administrative jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Navy for inclusion in the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, and by recreational users, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1691, To provide for the transfer of certain public land currently administered by the Bureau of Land Management to the administrative jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Navy for inclusion in the Chocolate Mountain Aerial Gunnery Range, California, and for other purposes.

*June 12, 2013*—Markup held on H.R. 412, To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the mainstem of the Nashua River and its tributaries in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes; H.R. 657, To amend the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 to improve the management of grazing leases and permits, and for other purposes; H.R. 697, To provide for the conveyance of certain Federal land in Clark County, Nevada, for the environmental remediation and reclamation of the Three Kids Mine Project Site, and for other purposes; H.R. 740, To provide for the settlement of certain claims under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, and for other purposes; H.R. 841, To amend the Grand Ronde Reservation Act to make technical corrections, and for other purposes; H.R. 931, To provide for the addition of certain real property to the reservation of the Siletz Tribe in the State of Oregon; H.R. 1126, To facilitate the completion of an appropriate national memorial to Dwight D. Eisenhower; H.R. 1411, To include the Point Arena-Stornetta Public Lands in the California Coastal National Monument as a part of the National Landscape Conservation System, and for other purposes; H.R. 1497, To amend title 36, United States Code, to ensure that memorials commemorating the service of the United States Armed Forces may contain religious symbols, and for other purposes; H.R. 1548, To facilitate the development of energy on Indian lands by reducing Federal regulations that impede tribal development of Indian lands, and for other purposes; H.R. 1825, To direct Federal public land management officials to exercise their authority under existing law to facilitate use of and access to Federal public lands for fishing, sport hunting, and recreational shooting, and for other purposes; H.R. 1964, To amend the Naval Petroleum Reserves Production Act of 1976 to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct an expeditious program of competitive leasing of oil and gas in the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska, including at least one lease sale in the Reserve each year in the period 2013 through 2023, and for other purposes; H.R. 2166, To direct the Secretary of the Interior and Secretary of Agriculture to expedite access to certain Federal lands under the administrative jurisdiction of each Secretary for good Samaritan search-and-recovery missions, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2231, To amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to increase energy exploration and production on the Outer Continental Shelf, provide for equitable revenue sharing for all coastal States, implement the reorganization of the functions of the former Minerals Management Service into distinct and separate agencies, and for other purposes.

*July 24, 2013*—Markup held on H.R. 555, To amend the Mineral Leasing Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct onshore oil and gas lease sales through Internet-based live lease sales, and for other purposes; H.R. 586, To provide for certain improvements to the Denali National Park and Preserve in the State of Alaska, and for other purposes; H.R. 638, To amend the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 to require that any new national wildlife refuge may not be established except as expressly authorized by statute; H.R. 1394, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish goals for an all-of-the-above energy production plan strategy on a 4-year basis on all onshore Federal lands managed by the Department of the Interior and the Forest Service; H.R. 1410, To prohibit gaming activities on certain Indian lands in Arizona until the expiration of certain gaming compacts; H.R. 1459, To ensure that the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 applies to the declaration of national monuments, and for other purposes; H.R. 1513, To revise the boundaries of the Gettysburg National Military Park to include the Gettysburg Train Station and certain land along Plum Run in Cumberland Township, to limit the means by which property within such revised boundaries may be acquired, and for other purposes; H.R. 1965, To streamline and ensure onshore energy permitting, provide for onshore leasing certainty, and give certainty to oil shale development for American energy security, economic development, and job creation, and for other purposes; H.R. 2197, To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the York River and associated tributaries for study for potential inclusion in the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System; H.R. 2337, To provide for the conveyance of the Forest Service Lake Hill Administrative Site in Summit County, Colorado; H.R. 2640, To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to adjust the Crooked River boundary, to provide water certainty for the City of Prineville, Oregon, and for other purposes; S. 130, A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to the Powell Recreation District in the State of Wyoming; S. 157, A bill to provide for certain improvements to the Denali National Park and Preserve in the State of Alaska, and for other purposes; S. 304, A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the State of Mississippi 2 parcels of surplus land within the boundary of the Natchez Trace Parkway, and for other purposes; and S. 459, A bill to modify the boundary of the Minuteman Missile National Historic Site in the State of South Dakota, and for other purposes.

*July 31, 2013*—Markup held on H.R. 255, To amend certain definitions contained in the Provo River Project Transfer Act for purposes of clarifying certain property descriptions, and for other purposes; H.R. 553, To designate the exclusive economic zone of the United States as the “Ronald Wilson Reagan Exclusive Economic Zone of the United States”; H.R. 623, To provide for the conveyance of certain property located in Anchorage, Alaska, from the United States to the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium; H.R. 908, To preserve the Green Mountain Lookout in the Glacier Peak Wilderness of the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest; H.R. 930, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the archeological site and surrounding land of the New Philadelphia town site in the State of Illinois, and for other

purposes; H.R. 1168, To direct the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Land Management, to convey to the City of Carlin, Nevada, in exchange for consideration, all right, title, and interest of the United States, to any Federal land within that city that is under the jurisdiction of that agency, and for other purposes; H.R. 1170, To direct the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Land Management and the Bureau of Reclamation, to convey, by quitclaim deed, to the City of Fernley, Nevada, all right, title, and interest of the United States, to any Federal land within that city that is under the jurisdiction of either of those agencies; H.R. 1526, To restore employment and educational opportunities in, and improve the economic stability of, counties containing National Forest System land, while also reducing Forest Service management costs, by ensuring that such counties have a dependable source of revenue from National Forest System land, to provide a temporary extension of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, and for other purposes; H.R. 1684, To convey certain property to the State of Wyoming to consolidate the historic Ranch A, and for other purposes; H.R. 1818, To amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to allow importation of polar bear trophies taken in sport hunts in Canada before the date the polar bear was determined to be a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973; H.R. 1963, To amend the Water Conservation and Utilization Act to authorize the development of non-Federal hydropower and issuance of leases of power privileges at projects constructed pursuant to the authority of the Water Conservation and Utilization Act, and for other purposes; H.R. 2388, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to take certain Federal lands located in El Dorado County, California, into trust for the benefit of the Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians, and for other purposes; H.R. 2463, To amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to facilitate the establishment of additional or expanded public target ranges in certain States; H.R. 2650, To allow the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa in the State of Minnesota to lease or transfer certain land; and H.R. 2728, To recognize States' authority to regulate oil and gas operations and promote American energy security, development, and job creation.

*October 30, 2013*—Markup held on H.R. 298, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to evaluate the significance of the Mill Springs Battlefield located in Pulaski and Wayne Counties, Kentucky, and the feasibility of its inclusion in the National Park System, and for other purposes; H.R. 585, To provide for the unencumbering of title to non-Federal land owned by the city of Anchorage, Alaska, for purposes of economic development by conveyance of the Federal reversion interest to the City; H.R. 1846, To amend the Act establishing the Lower East Side Tenement National Historic Site, and for other purposes; H.R. 2799, To establish the Wildlife and Hunting Heritage Conservation Council Advisory Committee to advise the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture on wildlife and habitat conservation, hunting, recreational shooting, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2954, To authorize Escambia County, Florida, to convey certain property that was formerly part of Santa Rosa Island National Monument



and that was conveyed to Escambia County subject to restrictions on use and reconveyance.

*November 14, 2013*—Markup held on H.R. 1308, To amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to reduce predation on endangered Columbia River salmon and other nonlisted species, and for other purposes; H.R. 2798, To amend Public Law 106–206 to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to require annual permits and assess annual fees for commercial filming activities on Federal land for film crews of 5 persons or fewer; H.R. 2824, To amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to stop the ongoing waste by the Department of the Interior of taxpayer resources and implement the final rule on excess spoil, mining waste, and buffers for perennial and intermittent streams, and for other purposes; H.R. 3008, To provide for the conveyance of a small parcel of National Forest System land in Los Padres National Forest in California, and for other purposes; H.R. 3188, To expedite the planning and implementation of salvage timber sales as part of Forest Service and Department of the Interior restoration and rehabilitation activities for lands within the Stanislaus National Forest and Yosemite National Park and Bureau of Land Management lands adversely impacted by the 2013 Rim Fire in California; and H.R. 3189, To prohibit the conditioning of any permit, lease, or other use agreement on the transfer, relinquishment, or other impairment of any water right to the United States by the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture.

*December 4, 2013*—Markup held on H.R. 915, To authorize the Peace Corps Commemorative Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, and for other purposes; H.R. 1425, To amend the Marine Debris Act to better address severe marine debris events, and for other purposes; H.R. 1491, To authorize the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to provide certain funds to eligible entities for activities undertaken to address the marine debris impacts of the March 2011 Tohoku earthquake and subsequent tsunami, and for other purposes; H.R. 2319, To clarify certain provisions of the Native American Veterans’ Memorial Establishment Act of 1994; H.R. 3286, To direct the Secretary of the Treasury to reimburse States that use State funds to operate National Parks during the Federal Government shutdown, and for other purposes; and S. 230, A bill to authorize the Peace Corps Commemorative Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, and for other purposes.

## II. OVERSIGHT ACTIVITIES OF THE FULL COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

### A. Oversight Hearings

*February 14, 2013*—Oversight hearing on “The Past, Present and Future of the Federal Helium Program.”

*March 13, 2013*—Oversight hearing on the “Reauthorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act.”

*April 17, 2013*—Oversight hearing on “State Lands vs. Federal Lands Oil and Gas Production: What State Regulators Are Doing Right.”

*May 8, 2013*—Oversight hearing on “DOI Hydraulic Fracturing Rule: A Recipe for Government Waste, Duplication and Delay.”

*June 4, 2013*—Oversight hearing on “Defining Species Conservation Success: Tribal, State and Local Stewardship vs. Federal Courtroom Battles and Sue-and-Settle Practices.”

*June 27, 2013*—Oversight hearing on “The Management of Red Snapper in the Gulf of Mexico under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act.”

*July 17, 2013*—Oversight hearing on “The Department of the Interior Operations, Management and Rulemakings.”

*August 1, 2013*—Oversight hearing on “Transparency and Sound Science Gone Extinct?: The Impacts of the Obama Administration’s Closed-Door Settlements on Endangered Species and People.”

*September 4, 2013*—Oversight field hearing in Casper, Wyoming, on “State and Local Efforts to Protect Species, Jobs, Property, and Multiple Use Amidst a New War on the West.” (Part 1)

*September 4, 2013*—Oversight field hearing in Billings, Montana, on “State and Local Efforts to Protect Species, Jobs, Property, and Multiple Use Amidst a New War on the West.” (Part 2)

*September 11, 2013*—Oversight hearing on the “Reauthorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act”.

*October 16, 2013*—Joint Oversight hearing with the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform on “As Difficult As Possible: The National Park Service’s Implementation of the Government Shutdown.”

*December 9, 2013*—Oversight field hearing in Pasco, Washington, on “The Future of the US-Canada Columbia River Treaty—Building on 60 years of Coordinated Power Generation and Flood Control.”

*December 12, 2013*—Oversight hearing on “ESA Decisions by Closed-Door Settlement: Short-Changing Science, Transparency, Private Property, and State & Local Economies.”

## SUBCOMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND MINERAL RESOURCES

### I. LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

#### A. Legislative Hearings

*March 21, 2013*—Hearing held on H.R. 687, To facilitate the efficient extraction of mineral resources in southeast Arizona by authorizing and directing an exchange of Federal and non-Federal land, and for other purposes; H.R. 697, To provide for the conveyance of certain Federal land in Clark County, Nevada, for the environmental remediation and reclamation of the Three Kids Mine Project Site, and for other purposes; H.R. 761, To require the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to more efficiently develop domestic sources of the minerals and mineral materials of strategic and critical importance to United States economic and national security and manufacturing competitiveness; H.R. 767, To amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to modify the Pilot Project offices of the Federal Permit Streamlining Pilot Project; H.R. 957, To reduce temporarily the royalty required to be paid for sodium produced on Federal lands, and for other purposes; H.R. 981, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a global rare earth element assessment, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1063,

To require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct an assessment of the capability of the Nation to meet our current and future demands for the minerals critical to United States manufacturing and agricultural competitiveness and economic and national security in a time of expanding resource nationalism, and for other purposes.

*April 16, 2013*—Hearing held on H.R. 3, To approve the construction, operation, and maintenance of the Keystone XL pipeline, and for other purposes.

*April 25, 2013*—Hearing held on H.R. 1613, To amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to provide for the proper Federal management and oversight of transboundary hydrocarbon reservoirs, and for other purposes.

*May 22, 2013*—Hearing held on H.R. 555, To amend the Mineral Leasing Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct onshore oil and gas lease sales through Internet-based live lease sales, and for other purposes; H.R. 1394, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish goals for an all-of-the-above energy production plan strategy on a 4-year basis on all onshore Federal lands managed by the Department of the Interior and the Forest Service; H.R. 1964, To amend the Naval Petroleum Reserves Production Act of 1976 to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct an expeditious program of competitive leasing of oil and gas in the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska, including at least one lease sale in the Reserve each year in the period 2013 through 2023, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1965, To streamline and ensure onshore energy permitting, provide for onshore leasing certainty, and give certainty to oil shale development for American energy security, economic development, and job creation, and for other purposes.

*June 6, 2013*—Hearing held on H.R. 2231, To amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to increase energy exploration and production on the Outer Continental Shelf, provide for equitable revenue sharing for all coastal States, implement the reorganization of the functions of the former Minerals Management Service into distinct and separate agencies, and for other purposes. (Part 1)

*June 11, 2013*—Hearing held on H.R. 2231, To amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to increase energy exploration and production on the Outer Continental Shelf, provide for equitable revenue sharing for all coastal States, implement the reorganization of the functions of the former Minerals Management Service into distinct and separate agencies, and for other purposes. (Part 2)

*July 25, 2013*—Hearing held on Draft Legislation “H.R. \_\_\_\_\_, (Flores), A bill to recognize States’ authority to regulate oil and gas operations and promote American energy security, development, and job creation (Protecting States’ Rights to Promote American Energy Security Act).”

*August 2, 2013*—Hearing held on H.R. 2824, To amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to stop the ongoing waste by the Department of the Interior of taxpayer resources and implement the final rule on excess spoil, mining waste, and buffers for perennial and intermittent streams, and for other purposes.

*December 5, 2013*—Hearing held on H.R. 916, To improve Federal land management, resource conservation, environmental protection, and use of Federal real property, by requiring the Secretary of the Interior to develop a multipurpose cadastre of Federal real property and identifying inaccurate, duplicate, and out-of-date Federal land inventories, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1604, To establish the National Geospatial Technology Administration within the United States Geological Survey to enhance the use of geospatial data, products, technology, and services, to increase the economy and efficiency of Federal geospatial activities, and for other purposes.

## II. OVERSIGHT ACTIVITIES OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND MINERAL RESOURCES

### A. Oversight Hearings

*March 5, 2013*—Oversight hearing on “America’s Offshore Energy Resources: Creating Jobs, Securing America, and Lowering Prices.”

*March 14, 2013*—Oversight hearing on “America’s Onshore Energy Resources: Creating Jobs, Securing America, and Lowering Prices.”

*March 21, 2013*—Oversight hearing on “America’s Mineral Resources: Creating Mining and Manufacturing Jobs and Securing America.”

*April 25, 2013*—Oversight hearing on U.S.-Mexico Transboundary Hydrocarbon Agreement and Steps Needed for Implementation.”

*June 13, 2013*—Oversight hearing on “Mining in America: The Administration’s Use of Claim Maintenance Fees and Cleanup of Abandoned Mine Lands.”

*July 9, 2013*—Oversight hearing on “Mining in America: Powder River Basin Coal Mining—the Benefits and Challenges”.

*July 11, 2013*—Oversight hearing on “America’s Helium Supply: Options for Producing More Helium from Federal Lands.”

*July 23, 2013*—Oversight hearing on “War on Jobs: Examining the Operations of the Office of Surface Mining and the Status of the Stream Buffer Zone Rule.”

*October 10, 2013*—Oversight hearing on “EPA vs. American Mining Jobs: The Obama Administration’s Regulatory Assault on the Economy.”

## SUBCOMMITTEE ON FISHERIES, WILDLIFE, OCEANS AND INSULAR AFFAIRS

### I. LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

#### A. Legislative Hearings

*March 21, 2013*—Hearing held on H.R. 910, To reauthorize the Sikes Act; and H.R. 1080, To amend the Sikes Act to promote the use of cooperative agreements under such Act for land management related to Department of Defense readiness activities and to amend title 10, United States Code, to facilitate interagency cooperation in conservation programs to avoid or reduce adverse impacts on military readiness activities.

*April 25, 2013*—Hearing held on H.R. 638, To amend the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 to require that any new national wildlife refuge may not be established except as expressly authorized by statute; H.R. 1300, To amend the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 to reauthorize the volunteer programs and community partnerships for the benefit of national wildlife refuges, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1384, To provide for the issuance of a Wildlife Refuge System Conservation Semipostal Stamp.

*June 13, 2013*—Hearing held on H.R. 553, to designate the exclusive economic zone of the United States as the “Ronald Wilson Reagan Exclusive Economic Zone of the United States”; H.R. 1308, To amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to reduce predation on endangered Columbia River salmon and other non-listed species, and for other purposes; H.R. 1399, To reauthorize the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998, and for other purposes; H.R. 1425, To amend the Marine Debris Act to better address severe marine debris events, and for other purposes; H.R. 1491, To authorize the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to provide certain funds to eligible entities for activities undertaken to address the marine debris impacts of the March 2011 Tohoku earthquake and subsequent tsunami, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2219, To reauthorize the Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act of 2009.

*July 25, 2013*—Hearing held on H.R. 358, To direct the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, in coordination with the Army Corps of Engineers, the National Park Service, and the United States Geological Survey, to lead a multiagency effort to slow the spread of Asian Carp in the Upper Mississippi and Ohio River basins and tributaries, and for other purposes; H.R. 709, To authorize the Secretary of the Army to take actions to manage the threat of Asian carp traveling up the Mississippi River in the State of Minnesota, and for other purposes; H.R. 1818, To amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to allow importation of polar bear trophies taken in sport hunts in Canada before the date the polar bear was determined to be a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973; H.R. 2158, To exempt from the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 the expedited removal from the United States of certain snake species, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2463, To amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to facilitate the establishment of additional or expanded public target ranges in certain States.

*August 2, 2013*—Hearing held on H.R. 2208, To extend the authorization of appropriations for allocation to carry out approved wetlands conservation projects under the North American Wetlands Conservation Act through fiscal year 2017; H.R. 2798, To amend Public Law 106–206 to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to require annual permits and assess annual fees for commercial filming activities on Federal land for film crews of 5 persons or fewer; and H.R. 2799, To establish the Wildlife and Hunting Heritage Conservation Council Advisory Committee to advise the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture on wildlife and habitat conservation, hunting, recreational shooting, and for other purposes.

II. OVERSIGHT ACTIVITIES OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON FISHERIES,  
WILDLIFE, OCEANS AND INSULAR AFFAIRS

A. *Oversight Hearings*

*April 18, 2013*—Oversight hearing on the “Spending for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the Council on Environmental Quality, the Office of Insular Affairs, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the President’s Fiscal Year 2014 Budget Request for These Agencies.”

*May 16, 2013*—Oversight hearing on “The 2008 Lacey Act Amendments.”

*May 21, 2013*—Oversight hearing on “Data Collection Issues in Relation to the Reauthorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act.”

*June 20, 2013*—Oversight hearing on “Why Does the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Want to Expand the Boundaries of the Chickasaw and Lower Hatchie National Wildlife Refuges in Tennessee and at What Cost?”

*July 17, 2013*—Oversight hearing on “Why Should Americans Have to Comply with the Laws of Foreign Nations?”

*September 20, 2013*—Oversight hearing on the “Department of the Interior’s Proposal to Use a Categorical Exclusion Under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for Adding Species to the Lacey Act’s List of Injurious Wildlife.”

SUBCOMMITTEE ON INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE AFFAIRS

I. LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

A. *Legislative Hearings*

*April 26, 2013*—Hearing held on H.R. 1548, To facilitate the development of energy on Indian lands by reducing Federal regulations that impede tribal development of Indian lands, and for other purposes.

*May 16, 2013*—Hearing held on H.R. 623, To provide for the conveyance of certain property located in Anchorage, Alaska, from the United States to the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium; H.R. 740, To provide for the settlement of certain claims under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, and for other purposes; H.R. 841, To amend the Grand Ronde Reservation Act to make technical corrections, and for other purposes; H.R. 931, To provide for the addition of certain real property to the reservation of the Siletz Tribe in the State of Oregon; H.R. 1306, To provide for the partial settlement of certain claims under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act; and H.R. 1410, To prohibit gaming activities on certain Indian lands in Arizona until the expiration of certain gaming compacts.

*July 23, 2013*—Hearing held on H.R. 1103, To amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to provide that Alexander Creek, Alaska, is and shall be recognized as an eligible Native village under that Act, and for other purposes; H.R. 1225, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to place certain lands in Skagit and San Juan Counties, Washington, into trust for the Samish Indian Nation, and for other purposes; H.R. 2319, To clarify certain provisions of the Native American Veterans’ Memorial Establishment Act of 1994; H.R. 2388, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to take certain Federal lands located in El Dorado County, Cali-

fornia, into trust for the benefit of the Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians, and for other purposes; H.R. 2455, To provide for the sale or transfer of certain Federal lands in Nevada, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2650, To allow the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa in the State of Minnesota to lease or transfer certain land.

## II. OVERSIGHT ACTIVITIES OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE AFFAIRS

### A. Oversight Hearings

*March 19, 2013*—Oversight hearing on “Authorization, standards, and procedures for whether, how, and when Indian tribes should be newly recognized by the federal government: Perspective of the Department of the Interior.”

*June 18, 2013*—Oversight hearing on “Update from Tribal Leaders and Tribal Telecommunications Providers on the Implementation of the Federal Communications Commission’s Rule on the Universal Service Fund.”

*September 19, 2013*—Oversight hearing on “Executive Branch Standards for Land-in-Trust Decisions for Gaming Purposes.”

## SUBCOMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS AND ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION

### I. LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

#### A. Legislative Hearings

*March 14, 2013*—Hearing held on H.R. 588, To provide for donor contribution acknowledgments to be displayed at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Visitor Center, and for other purposes; H.R. 716, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to the city of Vancouver, Washington, and for other purposes; and H.R. 819, To authorize pedestrian and motorized vehicular access in Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area, and for other purposes.

*March 19, 2013*—Hearing held on H.R. 1126, To facilitate the completion of an appropriate national memorial to Dwight D. Eisenhower.

*April 11, 2013*—Hearing held on Draft Legislation, H.R. \_\_\_\_, “Restoring Healthy Forests for Healthy Communities Act”; Draft Legislation, H.R. \_\_\_\_, “O&C Trust, Conservation, and Jobs Act”; H.R. 818, To address the bark beetle epidemic, drought, deteriorating forest health conditions, and high risk of wildfires on National Forest System land and land under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management in the United States by expanding authorities established in the Healthy Forest Restoration Act of 2003 to provide emergency measures for high-risk areas identified by such States, to make permanent Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management authority to conduct good-neighbor cooperation with States to reduce wildfire risks, and for other purposes; H.R. 1294, To establish a program that will generate dependable economic activity for counties and local governments containing National Forest System land through a management-focused approach, and for other purposes; H.R. 1345, To address the forest health, public safety, and wildlife habitat threat presented by the

risk of wildfire, including catastrophic wildfire, on National Forest System lands and public lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management by requiring the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to expedite forest management projects relating to hazardous fuels reduction, forest health, and economic development, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1442, To amend the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 to improve the response to insect infestations and related diseases and to change the funding source for the Healthy Forests Reserve Program, to codify the stewardship end result contracting and good neighbor authorities, and to amend the emergency watershed protection program to improve post fire rehabilitation, and for other purposes.

*April 12, 2013*—Hearing held on H.R. 1208, To establish the Manhattan Project National Historical Park in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, Los Alamos, New Mexico, and Hanford, Washington, and for other purposes.

*April 16, 2013*—Hearing held on H.R. 250, To amend the Antiquities Act of 1906 to place additional requirements on the establishment of national monuments under that Act, and for other purposes; H.R. 382, To provide for State approval of national monuments, and for other purposes; H.R. 432, To prohibit the further extension or establishment of national monuments in Nevada except by express authorization of Congress; H.R. 758, To prohibit the further extension or establishment of national monuments in Utah except by express authorization of Congress; H.R. 885, To expand the boundary of San Antonio Missions National Historical Park, to conduct a study of potential land acquisitions, and for other purposes; H.R. 1434, To prohibit the further extension or establishment of national monuments in Montana, except by express authorization of Congress, and for other purposes; H.R. 1439, To prohibit the further extension or establishment of national monuments in Idaho, except by express authorization of Congress; H.R. 1459, To ensure that the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 applies to the declaration of national monuments, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1512, To prohibit the further extension or establishment of national monuments in New Mexico except by express authorization of Congress.

*April 18, 2013*—Hearing held on H.R. 657, To amend the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 to improve the management of grazing leases and permits, and for other purposes; H.R. 696, To designate the Wovoka Wilderness and provide for certain land conveyances in Lyon County, Nevada, and for other purposes; H.R. 934, To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act related to a segment of the Lower Merced River in California, and for other purposes and H.R. 993, To provide for the conveyance of certain parcels of National Forest System land to the city of Fruit Heights, Utah.

*April 26, 2013*—Hearing held on H.R. 1169, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to transfer to the Secretary of the Navy certain Federal land in Churchill County, Nevada; H.R. 1299, To provide for the transfer of certain public land currently administered by the Bureau of Land Management to the administrative jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Army for inclusion in White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico, and for other purposes; H.R. 1574, To amend the Dayton Aviation Heritage Preservation Act of 1992 to



rename a site of the park; H.R. 1672, To withdraw and reserve certain public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management for exclusive military use as part of the Limestone Hills Training Area, Montana, and for other purposes; H.R. 1673, To provide for the transfer of certain public land currently administered by the Bureau of Land Management to the administrative jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Navy for inclusion in Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake, California, and for other purposes; H.R. 1676, To designate the Johnson Valley National Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Area in San Bernardino County, California, to authorize limited military use of the area, to provide for the transfer of the Southern Study Area to the administrative jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Navy for inclusion in the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, and by recreational users, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1691, To provide for the transfer of certain public land currently administered by the Bureau of Land Management to the administrative jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Navy for inclusion in the Chocolate Mountain Aerial Gunnery Range, California, and for other purposes.

*May 9, 2013*—Hearing held on H.R. 586, To provide for certain improvements to the Denali National Park and Preserve in the State of Alaska, and for other purposes; H.R. 995, To establish a monument in Dona Ana County, New Mexico, and for other purposes; H.R. 1411, To include the Point Arena-Stornetta Public Lands in the California Coastal National Monument as a part of the National Landscape Conservation System, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1825, To direct Federal public land management officials to exercise their authority under existing law to facilitate use of and access to Federal public lands for fishing, sport hunting, and recreational shooting, and for other purposes.

*June 6, 2013*—Hearing held on H.R. 412, To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the mainstem of the Nashua River and its tributaries in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes; H.R. 585, To provide for the unencumbering of title to non-Federal land owned by the city of Anchorage, Alaska, for purposes of economic development by conveyance of the Federal reversion interest to the City; H.R. 664, To establish the Harriet Tubman National Historical Park in Auburn, New York, and the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Historical Park in Caroline, Dorchester, and Talbot Counties, Maryland, and for other purposes; H.R. 1495, To prohibit the further extension or establishment of national monuments in Arizona except by express authorization of Congress; H.R. 1497, To amend title 36, United States Code, to ensure that memorials commemorating the service of the United States Armed Forces may contain religious symbols, and for other purposes; H.R. 1513, To revise the boundaries of the Gettysburg National Military Park to include the Gettysburg Train Station and certain land along Plum Run in Cumberland Township, to limit the means by which property within such revised boundaries may be acquired, and for other purposes; H.R. 2166, To direct the Secretary of the Interior and Secretary of Agriculture to expedite access to certain Federal lands under the administrative jurisdiction of each Secretary for good Samaritan search-and-recovery missions, and for other purposes; and

H.R. 2192, To amend the Act popularly known as the Antiquities Act of 1906 to require certain procedures for designating national monuments, and for other purposes.

*July 19, 2013*—Hearing held on H.R. 587, To authorize the establishment of the Niblack and Bokan Mountain mining area road corridors in the State of Alaska, and for other purposes; H.R. 1168, To direct the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Land Management, to convey to the City of Carlin, Nevada, in exchange for consideration, all right, title, and interest of the United States, to any Federal land within that city that is under the jurisdiction of that agency, and for other purposes; H.R. 1170, To direct the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Land Management and the Bureau of Reclamation, to convey, by quitclaim deed, to the City of Fernley, Nevada, all right, title, and interest of the United States, to any Federal land within that city that is under the jurisdiction of either of those agencies; H.R. 1684, To convey certain property to the State of Wyoming to consolidate the historic Ranch A, and for other purposes; H.R. 2068, To reauthorize the Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act, and for other purposes; H.R. 2095, To prohibit an increase in the lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management until a centralized database of all lands identified as suitable for disposal by Resource Management Plans for lands under the administrative jurisdiction of the Bureau is easily accessible to the public on a website of the Bureau; H.R. 2337, To provide for the conveyance of the Forest Service Lake Hill Administrative Site in Summit County, Colorado; H.R. 2395, To provide for donor contribution acknowledgments to be displayed at projects authorized under the Commemorative Works Act, and for other purposes; S. 130, A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to the Powell Recreation District in the State of Wyoming; S. 304, A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the State of Mississippi 2 parcels of surplus land within the boundary of the Natchez Trace Parkway, and for other purposes; and S. 459, A bill to modify the boundary of the Minuteman Missile National Historic Site in the State of South Dakota, and for other purposes.

*July 23, 2013*—Hearing held on H.R. 163, To designate as wilderness certain land and inland water within the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore in the State of Michigan, and for other purposes; H.R. 361, To expand the Alpine Lakes Wilderness in the State of Washington, to designate the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River and Pratt River as wild and scenic rivers, and for other purposes; H.R. 433, To designate the Pine Forest Range Wilderness area in Humboldt County, Nevada; H.R. 706, To establish the Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park, to dedicate the Park to John H. Chafee, and for other purposes; H.R. 908, To preserve the Green Mountain Lookout in the Glacier Peak Wilderness of the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest; H.R. 930, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the archeological site and surrounding land of the New Philadelphia town site in the State of Illinois, and for other purposes; H.R. 1025, To designate the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Conservation Area in the State of California, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1808, To designate certain Federal lands within the Cross Island National Wildlife Refuge and the Petit Manan Na-

tional Wildlife Refuge, part of the Maine Coastal Islands National Wildlife Refuge Complex, in Lincoln County, Hancock County, and Washington County, Maine, as wilderness.

*October 3, 2013*—Hearing held on H.R. 298, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to evaluate the significance of the Mill Springs Battlefield located in Pulaski and Wayne Counties, Kentucky, and the feasibility of its inclusion in the National Park System, and for other purposes; H.R. 1167, To quitclaim surface rights to certain Federal land under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management in Virginia City, Nevada, to Storey County, Nevada, to resolve conflicting ownership and title claims, and for other purposes; H.R. 1259, To establish Coltsville National Historical Park in the State of Connecticut, and for other purposes; H.R. 1633, To provide for the conveyance of small parcels of National Forest System land and small parcels of public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management to private landowners, State, county, and local governments, or Indian tribes whose lands share a boundary with the National Forest System land or public lands, and for other purposes; H.R. 1846, To amend the Act establishing the Lower East Side Tenement National Historic Site, and for other purposes; H.R. 2015, To provide for certain land conveyances in the State of Nevada, and for other purposes; H.R. 2259, To withdraw certain Federal land and interests in that land from location, entry, and patent under the mining laws and disposition under the mineral and geothermal leasing laws and to preserve existing uses; H.R. 2657, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to sell certain Federal lands in Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, and Wyoming, previously identified as suitable for disposal, and for other purposes; H.R. 2954, To authorize Escambia County, Florida, to convey certain property that was formerly part of Santa Rosa Island National Monument and that was conveyed to Escambia County subject to restrictions on use and reconveyance; and H.R. 3188, To expedite the planning and implementation of salvage timber sales as part of Forest Service and Department of the Interior restoration and rehabilitation activities for lands within the Stanislaus National Forest and Yosemite National park and Bureau of Land management lands adversely impacted by the 2013 Rim Fire in California.

*November 21, 2013*—Hearing held on H.R. 915, To authorize the Peace Corps Commemorative Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, and for other purposes; H.R. 3286, To direct the Secretary of the Treasury to reimburse States that use State funds to operate National Parks during the Federal Government shutdown, and for other purposes; H.R. 3294, To establish a streamlined process through which a State may claim authority over and responsibility for management of Federal lands located in the State without claiming ownership of the land, and for other purposes; H.R. 3311, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to enter into agreements with States to allow continued operation of facilities and programs that have been determined to have a direct economic impact on tourism, mining, timber, or general transportation in the State and which would otherwise cease operating, in whole or in part, during a Federal Government shutdown that is the result of a lapse in appropriations, and

for other purposes; and H.R. 3492, To provide for the use of hand-propelled vessels in Yellowstone National Park, Grand Teton National Park, and the National Elk Refuge, and for other purposes.

## II. OVERSIGHT ACTIVITIES OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS AND ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION

### A. Oversight Hearings

*February 26, 2013*—Oversight hearing on “State Forest Management: A Model for Promoting Healthy Forests, Rural Schools and Jobs.”

*May 7, 2013*—Oversight hearing on “Impediments to Public Recreation on Public Lands.”

*May 16, 2013*—Oversight hearing on “Invasive Species Management on Federal Lands.”

*May 21, 2013*—Oversight hearing on “Perspectives on the Management of Federal and State Land: Testimony by Governor Gary Herbert (R-UT), Chairman of the Western Governors’ Association.”

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## SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER AND POWER

### I. LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

#### A. Legislative Hearings

*March 5, 2013*—Hearing held on H.R. 254, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to facilitate the development of hydroelectric power on the Diamond Fork System of the Central Utah Project; and H.R. 678, To authorize all Bureau of Reclamation conduit facilities for hydropower development under Federal Reclamation law, and for other purposes.

*May 23, 2013*—Hearing held on H.R. 255, To amend certain definitions contained in the Provo River Project Transfer Act for purposes of clarifying certain property descriptions, and for other purposes; H.R. 745, To reauthorize the Water Desalination Act of 1996; and H.R. 1963, To amend the Water Conservation and Utilization Act to authorize the development of non-Federal hydropower and issuance of leases of power privileges at projects constructed pursuant to the authority of the Water Conservation and Utilization Act, and for other purposes.

*October 10, 2013*—Hearing held on H.R. 3176, To reauthorize the Reclamation States Emergency Drought Relief Act of 1991, and for other purposes; and H.R. 3189, To prohibit the conditioning of any permit, lease, or other use agreement on the transfer, relinquishment, or other impairment of any water right to the United States by the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture.

## II. OVERSIGHT ACTIVITIES OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER AND POWER

### A. Oversight Hearings

*April 16, 2013*—Oversight hearing on “Examining the Proposed Fiscal Year 2014 Spending, Priorities and the Missions of the Bureau of Reclamation and the U.S. Geological Survey’s Water Resources Program and the Four Power Marketing Administrations.”

*April 25, 2013*—Oversight hearing on “Federal Impediments to Water Rights, Job Creation and Recreation: A Local Perspective.”

*June 26, 2013*—Oversight hearing on “The Power Marketing Administrations: A Ratepayer Perspective.”

*July 17, 2013*—Oversight hearing on “A Washington, DC-Based Bureaucratic Invention with Potential Water Conservation and Property Rights Impacts: The National Blueways Order.”

*July 29, 2013*—Oversight field hearing in West Plains, Missouri, on “Stopping Federal Land and Water Grabs: Protecting Property Rights from Washington, DC Edicts.”

*September 19, 2013*—Oversight hearing on “Keeping Hydropower Affordable and Reliable: The Protection of Existing Hydropower Investments and the Promotion of New Development.”

*October 29, 2013*—Oversight hearing on “A Roadmap for Increasing our Water and Hydropower Supplies: The Need for New and Expanded Multi-Purpose Surface Storage Facilities.”



## APPENDIX I

### PRINTED HEARINGS

*113-1*—Oversight Hearing on “The Past, Present and Future of the Federal Helium Program”; and Legislative Hearing on H.R. 527, To complete the privatization of the Federal helium reserve in a competitive market fashion that ensures stability in the helium markets while protecting the interests of the American taxpayer, and for other purposes. February 14, 2013, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

*113-2*—Oversight Hearing on “State Forest Management: A Model for Promoting Healthy Forests, Rural Schools and Jobs.” February 26, 2013, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation)

*113-3*—Oversight Hearing on the Reauthorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. March 13, 2013, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

*113-4*—Legislative Hearing on H.R. 588, To provide for donor contribution acknowledgments to be displayed at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Visitor Center, and for other purposes; H.R. 716, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to the City of Vancouver, Washington, and for other purposes; and H.R. 819, To authorize pedestrian and motorized vehicular access in Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area, and for other purposes. March 14, 2013, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation)

*113-5*—Oversight Hearing on “Authorization, Standards, and Procedures for Whether, How, and When Indian Tribes Should Be Newly Recognized by the Federal Government: Perspective of the Department of the Interior.” March 19, 2013, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs)

*113-6*—Legislative Hearing on H.R. 1126, To facilitate the completion of an appropriate national memorial to Dwight D. Eisenhower. March 19, 2013, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation)

*113-7*—Oversight Hearing on “America’s Mineral Resources: Creating Mining and Manufacturing Jobs and Securing America”; and Legislative Hearing on H.R. 687, To facilitate the efficient extraction of mineral resources in southeast Arizona by authorizing and directing an exchange of Federal and non-Federal land, and for other purposes; H.R. 697, To provide for the conveyance of certain Federal land in Clark County, Nevada, for the environmental remediation and reclamation of the Three Kids Mine Project Site, and for other purposes; H.R. 761, To require the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to more efficiently develop domestic sources of the minerals and mineral materials of strategic and critical importance to United States economic and national se-

curity and manufacturing competitiveness; H.R. 767, To amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to modify the Pilot Project offices of the Federal Permit Streamlining Pilot Project; H.R. 957, To reduce temporarily the royalty required to be paid for sodium produced on Federal lands, and for other purposes; H.R. 981, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a global rare earth element assessment, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1063, To require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct an assessment of the capability of the Nation to meet our current and future demands for the minerals critical to United States manufacturing and agricultural competitiveness and economic and national security in a time of expanding resource nationalism, and for other purposes. March 21, 2013, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources)

113-8—Legislative Hearing on H.R. 910, To reauthorize the Sikes Act; and H.R. 1080, To amend the Sikes Act to promote the use of cooperative agreements under such an Act for land management related to Department of Defense readiness activities and to amend title 10, United States Code, to facilitate inter-agency cooperation in conservation programs to avoid or reduce adverse impacts on military readiness activities. March 21, 2013, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs)

113-9—Legislative Hearing on Draft Proposal H.R. \_\_\_\_, “Restoring Healthy Forests for Healthy Communities Act”; Draft Legislation, H.R. \_\_\_\_, “O&C Trust, Conservation, and Jobs Act”; H.R. 818, To address the bark beetle epidemic, drought, deteriorating forest health conditions, and high risk of wildfires on National Forest System land and land under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management in the United States by expanding authorities established in the Healthy Forest Restoration Act of 2003 to provide emergency measures for high-risk areas identified by such States, to make permanent Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management authority to conduct good-neighbor cooperation with States to reduce wildfire risks, and for other purposes; H.R. 1294, To establish a program that will generate dependable economic activity for counties and local governments containing National Forest System land through a management-focused approach, and for other purposes; H.R. 1345, To address the forest health, public safety, and wildlife habitat threat presented by the risk of wildfire, including catastrophic wildfire, on National Forest System lands and public lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management by requiring the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to expedite forest management projects relating to hazardous fuels reduction, forest health, and economic development, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1442, To amend the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 to improve the response to insect infestations and related diseases and to change the funding source for the Healthy Forests Reserve Program, to codify the stewardship end result contracting and good neighbor authorities, and to amend the emergency watershed protection program to improve post fire rehabilitation, and for other purposes. April 11, 2013, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation)



*113-10*—Legislative Hearing on H.R. 1208, To establish the Manhattan Project National Historical Park in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, Los Alamos, New Mexico, and Hanford, Washington, and for other purposes. April 12, 2013, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation)

*113-11*—Legislative Hearing on H.R. 250, To amend the Antiquities Act of 1906 to place additional requirements on the establishment of national monuments under that Act, and for other purposes; H.R. 382, To provide for State approval of national monuments, and for other purposes; H.R. 432, To prohibit the further extension or establishment of national monuments in Nevada except by express authorization of Congress; H.R. 758, To prohibit the further extension or establishment of national monuments in Utah except by express authorization of Congress; H.R. 885, To expand the boundary of San Antonio Missions National Historical Park, to conduct a study of potential land acquisitions, and for other purposes; H.R. 1434, To prohibit the further extension or establishment of national monuments in Montana, except by express authorization of Congress, and for other purposes; H.R. 1439, To prohibit the further extension or establishment of national monuments in Idaho, except by express authorization of Congress; H.R. 1459, To ensure that the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 applies to the declaration of national monuments, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1512, To prohibit the further extension or establishment of national monuments in New Mexico except by express authorization of Congress. April 16, 2013, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation)

*113-12*—Oversight Hearing on “Federal Impediments to Water Rights, Job Creation and Recreation: A Local Perspective.” April 25, 2013, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Water and Power)

*113-13*—Oversight Hearing on “U.S.-Mexico Transboundary Hydrocarbon Agreement and Steps Needed for Implementation”; and Legislative Hearing on H.R. 1613, To amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to provide for the proper Federal management and oversight of transboundary hydrocarbon reservoirs, and for other purposes. April 25, 2013, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources)

*113-14*—Oversight Hearing on “Impediments to Public Recreation on Public Lands.” May 7, 2013, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation)

*113-15*—Legislative Hearing on H.R. 586, To provide for certain improvements to the Denali National Park and Preserve in the State of Alaska, and for other purposes; H.R. 995, To establish a monument in Dona Ana County, New Mexico, and for other purposes; H.R. 1411, To include the Point Arena-Stornetta Public Lands in the California Coastal National Monument as a part of the National Landscape Conservation System, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1825, To direct Federal public land management officials to exercise their authority under existing law to facilitate use of and access to Federal public lands for fishing, sport hunting, and recreational shooting, and for other purposes. May 9, 2013, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation)

*113-16*—Oversight Hearings on “The 2008 Lacey Act Amendments.” May 16, 2013 (Part 1); and “Why Should Americans Have to Comply with the Laws of Foreign Nations”. July 17, 2013 (Part 2), Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs)

*113-17*—Legislative Hearing on H.R. 623, To provide for the conveyance of certain property located in Anchorage, Alaska, from the United States to the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium; H.R. 740, To provide for the settlement of certain claims under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, and for other purposes; H.R. 841, To amend the Grand Ronde Reservation Act to make technical corrections, and for other purposes; H.R. 931, To provide for the addition of certain real property to the reservation of the Siletz Tribe in the State of Oregon; H.R. 1306, To provide for the partial settlement of certain claims under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act; and H.R. 1410, To prohibit gaming activities on certain Indian lands in Arizona until the expiration of certain gaming compacts. May 16, 2013, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs)

*113-18*—Oversight Hearing on “Invasive Species Management on Federal Lands.” May 16, 2013, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation)

*113-19*—Oversight Hearing on “Perspectives on the Management of Federal and State Land: Testimony by Governor Gary Herbert (R-UT), Chairman of the Western Governors’ Association.” May 21, 2013, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation)

*113-20*—Oversight Hearing on “Data Collection Issues in Relation to the Reauthorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act.” May 21, 2013, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs)

*113-21*—Legislative Hearing on H.R. 555, To amend the Mineral Leasing Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct onshore oil and gas lease sales through Internet-based live lease sales, and for other purposes; H.R. 1394, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish goals for an all-of-the-above energy production plan strategy on a 4-year basis on all onshore Federal lands managed by the Department of the Interior and the Forest Service; H.R. 1964, To amend the Naval Petroleum Reserves Production Act of 1976 to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct an expeditious program of competitive leasing of oil and gas in the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska, including at least one lease sale in the Reserve each year in the period 2013 through 2023, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1965, To streamline and ensure onshore energy permitting, provide for onshore leasing certainty, and give certainty to oil shale development for American energy security, economic development, and job creation, and for other purposes. May 22, 2013, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources)

*113-22*—Oversight Hearing on “Defining Species Conservation Success: Tribal, State and Local Stewardship vs. Federal Courtroom Battles and Sue-and-Settle Practices.” June 4, 2013, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

*113-23*—Legislative Hearings on H.R. 2231, To amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to increase energy exploration and production on the Outer Continental Shelf, provide for equitable revenue sharing for all coastal States, implement the reorganization of the functions of the former Minerals Management Service into distinct and separate agencies, and for other purposes. June 6, 2013 (Part 1) and June 11, 2013 (Part 2), Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources).

*113-24*—Oversight Hearing on “Citizen and Agency Perspectives on the Federal Land Recreation Enhancement Act.” June 18, 2013, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation)

*113-25*—Oversight Hearing on “Why Does the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Want to Expand the Boundaries of the Chickasaw and Lower Hatchie National Wildlife Refuges in Tennessee and at What Cost?” June 20, 2013, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs)

*113-26*—Oversight Hearing on “The Power Marketing Administrations: A Ratepayer Perspective.” June 26, 2013, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Water and Power)

*113-27*—Oversight Hearing on “The Management of Red Snapper in the Gulf of Mexico Under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act.” June 27, 2013, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

*113-28*—Oversight Hearing on “Outdoor Recreation Opportunities on State, Local and Federal Lands.” June 27, 2013, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation)

*113-29*—Oversight Hearing on “Mining in America: Powder River Basin Coal Mining—The Benefits and Challenges.” July 9, 2013, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources)

*113-30*—Oversight Hearing on the “Public Impact of Closing Amenities at Yosemite National Park.” July 9, 2013, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation)

*113-31*—Oversight Hearing on “America’s Helium Supply: Options for Producing more Helium from Federal Lands.” July 11, 2013, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources)

*113-32*—Oversight Hearing on “Wildfire and Forest Management.” July 11, 2013, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation)

*113-33*—Oversight Hearing on “The Department of the Interior Operations, Management, and Rulemakings.” July 17, 2013, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

*113-34*—Oversight Hearing on “A Washington, DC-Based Bureaucratic Invention with Potential Water Conservation and Property Rights Impacts: The National Blueways Order.” July 17, 2013, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Water and Power)

*113-35*—Oversight Hearing on “War on Jobs: Examining the Operations of the Office of Surface Mining and the Status of the Stream Buffer Zone Rule.” July 23, 2013, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources)

*113-36*—Legislative Hearing on H.R. \_\_\_\_ (Flores), A bill to recognize States’ authority to regulate oil and gas operations and promote American energy security, development, and job creation (“Protecting States’ Rights to Promote American Energy Security Act”). July 25, 2013, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources)

*113-37*—Oversight Hearing on “Transparency and Sound Science Gone Extinct?: The Impacts of the Obama Administration’s Closed-Door Settlements on Endangered Species and People.” August 1, 2013, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

*113-38*—Legislative Hearing on H.R. 2824, To amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to stop the ongoing waste by the Department of the Interior of taxpayer resources and implement the final rule on excess spoil, mining waste, and buffers for perennial and intermittent streams, and for other purposes. August 2, 2013, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources)

*113-39*—Joint Oversight Hearing with the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform on “Missing Weapons at the National Park Service: Mismanagement and Lack of Accountability.” August 2, 2013, Washington, D.C. (Joint with the Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation and Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on National Security)

*113-40*—Oversight Hearing on “School Trust Lands Ownership Within Federal Conservation Areas.” September 10, 2013, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation)

*113-41*—Oversight Hearing on the Reauthorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. September 11, 2013, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

*113-42*—Oversight Hearing on “Executive Branch Standards for Land-in-trust Decisions for Gaming Purposes.” September 19, 2013, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs)

*113-43*—Oversight Hearing on “Keeping Hydropower Affordable and Reliable: The Protection of Existing Hydropower Investments and the Promotion of New Development.” September 19, 2013, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Water and Power)

*113-44*—Oversight Hearing on the Department of the Interior’s Proposal to Use a Categorical Exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for Adding Species to the Lacey Act’s List of Injurious Wildlife. September 20, 2013, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs)

*113-45*—Legislative Hearing on H.R. 298, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to evaluate the significance of the Mill Springs Battlefield located in Pulaski and Wayne Counties, Kentucky, and the feasibility of its inclusion in the National Park System, and for other purposes; H.R. 1167, To quitclaim surface rights to certain Federal land under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management in Virginia City, Nevada, to Storey County, Nevada, to resolve conflicting ownership and title claims, and for other purposes; H.R. 1259, To establish Coltsville National Historical Park in the State of Connecticut, and for other

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*113-46*—Legislative Hearing on H.R. 3176, To reauthorize the Reclamation States Emergency Drought Relief Act of 1991, and for other purposes; and H.R. 3189, To prohibit the conditioning of any permit, lease, or other use agreement on the transfer, relinquishment, or other impairment of any water right to the United States by the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture. October 10, 2013, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Water and Power)

*113-47*—Oversight Hearing on “EPA vs. American Mining Jobs: The Obama Administration’s Regulatory Assault on the Economy.” October 10, 2013, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources)

*113-48*—Joint Oversight Hearing with the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform on “As Difficult As Possible: The National Park Service’s Implementation of the Government Shutdown.” October 16, 2013, Washington, D.C. (Joint with the Committee on Natural Resources and the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform)

*113-49*—Oversight Field Hearings in Casper, Wyoming (Part 1) and Billings, Montana (Part 2), on “State and Local Efforts to Protect Species, Jobs, Property, and Multiple Use Amidst a New War on the West.” September 4, 2013, Casper, Wyoming and Billings, Montana. (Full Committee)

*113-50*—Oversight Hearing on “Threats, Intimidation and Bullying by Federal Land Managing Agencies.” October 29, 2013, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation)

*113-51*—Oversight Hearing on “A Roadmap for Increasing Our Water and Hydropower Supplies: The Need for New and Expanded Multi-Purpose Surface Storage Facilities.” October 29, 2013, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Water and Power)

*113-52*—Legislative Hearing on H.R. 915, To authorize the Peace Corps Commemorative Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, and for other purposes; H.R. 3286, To direct the Secretary of the Treasury to reimburse States that use State funds to operate National Parks during the Federal Government shutdown, and for other purposes; H.R. 3294, To establish a streamlined process through which a State may claim authority over and responsibility for management of Federal lands located in the State without claiming ownership of the land, and for other purposes; H.R. 3311, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to enter into agreements with States to allow continued operation of facilities and programs that have been determined to have a direct economic impact on tourism, mining, timber, or general transportation in the State and which would otherwise cease operating, in whole or in part, during a Federal Government shutdown that is the result of a lapse in appropriations, and for other purposes; and H.R. 3492, To provide for the use of hand-propelled vessels in Yellowstone National Park, Grand Teton National Park, and the National Elk Refuge, and for other purposes. November 21, 2013, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation)

*113-53*—Legislative Hearing on H.R. 916, To improve Federal land management, resource conservation, environmental protection, and use of Federal real property, by requiring the Secretary of the Interior to develop a multipurpose cadastre of Federal real property and identifying inaccurate, duplicate, and out-of-date Federal land inventories, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1604, To establish the National Geospatial Technology Administration within the United States Geological Survey to enhance the use of geospatial data, products, technology, and services, to increase the economy and efficiency of Federal geospatial activities, and for other purposes. December 5, 2013, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources)

## APPENDIX II

### LEGISLATION PASSED HOUSE

#### BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS PASSED HOUSE (BY DATE)

[Asterisk (\*) denotes bills that the Committee on Natural Resources was not the lead Committee]

*04/09/2013*—H.R. 254, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to facilitate the development of hydroelectric power on the Diamond Fork System of the Central Utah Project. Passed House by vote of 400–4. (Public Law 113–20)

*04/09/2013*—H.R. 1033, To authorize the acquisition and protection of nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 under the American Battlefield Protection Program. Passed House by vote of 283–122.

*04/10/2013*—H.R. 678, To authorize all Bureau of Reclamation conduit facilities for hydropower development under Federal Reclamation law, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 416–7. (Public Law 113–24)

*04/26/2013*—H.R. 527, To amend the Helium Act to complete the privatization of the Federal helium reserve in a competitive market fashion that ensures stability in the helium markets while protecting the interests of American taxpayers, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 394–1. (Public Law 113–40)

*05/06/2013*—H.R. 291, To provide for the conveyance of certain cemeteries that are located on National Forest System land in Black Hills National Forest, South Dakota. Passed House by vote of 390–2.

*05/06/2013*—H.R. 507, To provide for the conveyance of certain land inholdings owned by the United States to the Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona, and for other purposes. Passed House by vote of 401–2.

*05/06/2013*—H.R. 588, To provide for donor contribution acknowledgments to be displayed at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Visitor Center, and for other purposes. Passed House by vote of 398–2. (Public Law 113–21)

*05/15/2013*—H.R. 356, To clarify authority granted under the Act entitled “An Act to define the exterior boundary of the Uintah and Ouray Indian Reservation in the State of Utah, and for other purposes”. Passed House by voice vote.

*05/15/2013*—H.R. 573, To amend Public Law 93–435 with respect to the Northern Mariana Islands, providing parity with Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa. Passed House by voice vote.

*05/15/2013*—H.R. 767, To amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to modify the Pilot Project offices of the Federal Permit Streamlining Pilot Project. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 415–1.

*05/16/2013*—H.R. 45\*, To repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and health care-related provisions in the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 229–195.

*05/22/2013*—H.R. 3\*, To approve the construction, operation, and maintenance of the Keystone XL pipeline, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 241–175.

*06/03/2013*—H.R. 126, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to enter into an agreement to provide for management of the free-roaming wild horses in and around the Currituck National Wildlife Refuge. Passed House by voice vote.

*06/03/2013*—H.R. 885, To expand the boundary of the San Antonio Missions National Historical Park, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

*06/03/2013*—H.R. 1206, To grant the Secretary of the Interior permanent authority to authorize States to issue electronic duck stamps, and for other purposes. Passed House, vote of 401–0.

*06/11/2013*—H.R. 251, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal features of the electric distribution system to the South Utah Valley Electric Service District, and for other purposes. Passed House by vote of 404–0. (Public Law 113–19)

*06/11/2013*—H.R. 723, To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of the Beaver, Chipuxet, Queen, Wood, and Pawcatuck Rivers in the States of Connecticut and Rhode Island for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

*06/11/2013*—H.R. 993, To provide for the conveyance of certain parcels of National Forest System land to the city of Fruit Heights, Utah. Passed House by voice vote.

*06/11/2013*—H.R. 1157, To ensure public access to the summit of Rattlesnake Mountain in the Hanford Reach National Monument for educational, recreational, historical, scientific, cultural, and other purposes. Passed House vote of 409–0.

*06/11/2013*—H.R. 1158, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to continue stocking fish in certain lakes in the North Cascades National Park, Ross Lake National Recreation Area, and Lake Chelan National Recreation Area. Passed House by voice vote.

*06/17/2013*—H. Res. 264, Providing for the concurrence by the House in the Senate amendment to H.R. 588 (Vietnam Veterans Donor Acknowledgment Act of 2013), with an amendment. Passed House by voice vote.

*06/17/2013*—H.R. 253, To provide for the conveyance of a small parcel of National Forest System land in the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest in Utah to Brigham Young University, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 397–1.

*06/17/2013*—H.R. 520, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of alternatives for commemorating and interpreting the role of the Buffalo Soldiers in the early years of the National Parks, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote.

*06/17/2013*—H.R. 674, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating pre-historic, historic, and limestone forest sites on Rota, Common-



wealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as a unit of the National Park System. Passed House by voice vote.

*06/17/2013*—H.R. 862, To authorize the conveyance of two small parcels of land within the boundaries of the Coconino National Forest containing private improvements that were developed based upon the reliance of the landowners in an erroneous survey conducted in May 1960. Passed House by vote of 395–1.

*06/17/2013*—H.R. 876, To authorize the continued use of certain water diversions located on National Forest System land in the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness and the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness in the State of Idaho, and for other purposes. Passed House by vote of 398–0.

*06/27/2013*—H.R. 1613, To amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to provide for the proper Federal management and oversight of transboundary hydrocarbon reservoirs, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 256–171.

*06/28/2013*—H.R. 2231, To amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to increase energy exploration and production on the Outer Continental Shelf, provide for equitable revenue sharing for all coastal States, implement the reorganization of the functions of the former Minerals Management Service into distinct and separate agencies, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 235–186.

*07/22/2013*—H.R. 697, To provide for the conveyance of certain Federal land in Clark County, Nevada, for the environmental remediation and reclamation of the Three Kids Mine Project Site, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

*07/22/2013*—H.R. 1411, To include the Point Arena-Stornetta Public Lands in the California Coastal National Monument as a part of the National Landscape Conservation System, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

*07/30/2013*—H.R. 1300, To amend the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 to reauthorize the volunteer programs and community partnerships for the benefit of national wildlife refuges, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

*09/10/2013*—S. 130\*, A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to the Powell Recreation District in the State of Wyoming. Passed House by vote of 408–1. (Public Law 113–32)

*09/10/2013*—S. 157\*, A bill to provide for certain improvements to the Denali National Park and Preserve in the State of Alaska, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote. (Public Law 113–33)

*09/10/2013*—S. 256\*, A bill to amend Public Law 93–435 with respect to the Northern Mariana Islands, providing parity with Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa. Passed House by vote of 415–0. (Public Law 113–34)

*09/10/2013*—S. 304\*, A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the State of Mississippi 2 parcels of surplus land within the boundary of the Natchez Trace Parkway, and for other purposes. Passed House by vote of 419–1. (Public Law 113–35)

*09/10/2013*—S. 459\*, A bill to modify the boundary of the Minuteman Missile National Historic Site in the State of South Da-

kota, and for other purposes. Passed House by vote of 414–5. (Public Law 113–36)

*09/17/2013*—H.R. 1410, To prohibit gaming activities on certain Indian lands in Arizona until the expiration of certain gaming compacts. Passed House by voice vote.

*09/18/2013*—H.R. 761, To require the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to more efficiently develop domestic sources of the minerals and mineral materials of strategic and critical importance to United States economic and national security and manufacturing competitiveness. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 246–178.

*09/20/2013*—H.R. 1526, To restore employment and educational opportunities in, and improve the economic stability of, counties containing National Forest System land, while also reducing Forest Service management costs, by ensuring that such counties have a dependable source of revenue from National Forest System land, to provide a temporary extension of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 244–173.

*09/25/2013*—H. Res. 354, Providing for the concurrence by the House in the Senate amendment to H.R. 527 (Responsible Helium Administration and Stewardship Act), with an amendment. Passed House by voice vote.

*10/23/2013*—H.R. 3080\*, To provide for improvements to the rivers and harbors of the United States, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 417–3.

*10/29/2013*—H.R. 330, To designate a Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial at the March Field Air Museum in Riverside, California. Passed House by voice vote.

*10/29/2013*—H.R. 623, To provide for the conveyance of certain property located in Anchorage, Alaska, from the United States to the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

*10/29/2013*—H.R. 2337, To provide for the conveyance of the Forest Service Lake Hill Administrative Site in Summit County, Colorado. Passed House by voice vote.

*10/29/2013*—H.R. 2640, To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to adjust the Crooked River boundary, to provide water certainty for the City of Prineville, Oregon, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote.

*11/20/2013*—H.R. 1965, To streamline and ensure onshore energy permitting, provide for onshore leasing certainty, and give certainty to oil shale development for American energy security, economic development, and job creation, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 228–192.

*11/20/2013*—H.R. 2728, To recognize States' authority to regulate oil and gas operations and promote American energy security, development, and job creation. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 235–187.

*12/03/2013*—H.R. 255, To amend certain definitions contained in the Provo River Project Transfer Act for purposes of clarifying certain property descriptions, and for other purposes. Passed House by vote of 406–0.

*12/03/2013*—H.R. 1241, To facilitate a land exchange involving certain National Forest System lands in the Inyo National Forest, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote.

*12/03/2013*—H.R. 1846, To amend the Act establishing the Lower East Side Tenement National Historic Site, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

*12/03/2013*—H.R. 1963, To amend the Water Conservation and Utilization Act to authorize the development of non-Federal hydro-power and issuance of leases of power privileges at projects constructed pursuant to the authority of the Water Conservation and Utilization Act, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

*12/03/2013*—H.R. 2388, To take certain Federal lands located in El Dorado County, California, into trust for the benefit of the Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

*12/03/2013*—H.R. 2650, To allow the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa in the State of Minnesota to lease or transfer certain land. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

*12/11/2013*—H.R. 2319, To clarify certain provisions of the Native American Veterans' Memorial Establishment Act of 1994. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 398–0.



## APPENDIX III

### LIST OF PUBLIC LAWS

[Asterisk (\*) denotes bills that were not referred to the Committee on Natural Resources but contain provisions under the jurisdiction of the Committee on Natural Resources]

Public Law 113-4: \*S.47 (H.R. 11), A bill to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994.

Public Law 113-19: H.R. 251, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal features of the electric distribution system to the South Utah Valley Electric Service District, and for other purposes (South Utah Valley Electric Conveyance Act).

Public Law 113-20: H.R. 254, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to facilitate the development of hydroelectric power on the Diamond Fork System of the Central Utah Project (Bonneville Unit Clean Hydropower Facilitation Act).

Public Law 113-21: H.R. 588, To provide for donor contribution acknowledgments to be displayed at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Visitor Center, and for other purposes (Vietnam Veterans Donor Acknowledgment Act of 2013).

Public Law 113-24: H.R. 678, To authorize all Bureau of Reclamation conduit facilities for hydropower development under Federal Reclamation law, and for other purposes (Bureau of Reclamation Small Conduit Hydropower Development and Rural Jobs Act)

Public Law 113-32: S. 130, A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to the Powell Recreation District in the State of Wyoming. (Powell Shooting Range Land Conveyance Act)

Public Law 113-33: S. 157 (H.R. 586), A bill to provide for certain improvements to the Denali National Park and Preserve in the State of Alaska, and for other purposes. (Denali National Park Improvement Act)

Public Law 113-34: S. 256 (H.R. 573; H.R. 2200), A bill to amend Public Law 93-435 with respect to the Northern Mariana Islands, providing parity with Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa.

Public Law 113-35: S. 304, A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the State of Mississippi 2 parcels of surplus land within the boundary of the Natchez Trace Parkway, and for other purposes. (Natchez Trace Parkway Land Conveyance Act of 2013)

Public Law 113-36: S. 459, A bill to modify the boundary of the Minuteman Missile National Historic Site in the State of South Dakota, and for other purposes. (Minuteman Missile National Historic Site Boundary Modification Act)

Public Law 113–40: H.R. 527, To amend the Helium Act to complete the privatization of the Federal helium reserve in a competitive market fashion that ensures stability in the helium markets while protecting the interests of American taxpayers, and for other purposes. (Helium Stewardship Act of 2013)

APPENDIX IV

COMMITTEE PRINTS

*House Committee Print:*

113-A Rules for the Committee on Natural Resources, 113th Congress.





## APPENDIX V

### COMMITTEE LEGISLATIVE REPORTS

*House Report 113–24 (H.R. 678)*, To authorize all Bureau of Reclamation conduit facilities for hydropower development under Federal Reclamation law, and for other purposes.

*House Report 113–25, Part 1, (H.R. 254)*, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to facilitate the development of hydroelectric power on the Diamond Fork System of the Central Utah Project.

*House Report 113–26 (H.R. 291)*, To provide for the conveyance of certain cemeteries that are located on National Forest System land in Black Hills National Forest, South Dakota.

*House Report 113–27 (H.R. 507)*, To provide for the conveyance of certain land inholdings owned by the United States to the Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona, and for other purposes.

*House Report 113–28 (H.R. 588)*, To provide for donor contribution acknowledgments to be displayed at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Visitor Center, and for other purposes.

*House Report 113–29 (H.R. 1033)*, To authorize the acquisition and protection of nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 under the American Battlefield Protection Program.

*House Report 113–42 (H.R. 527)*, To amend the Helium Act to complete the privatization of the Federal helium reserve in a competitive market fashion that ensures stability in the helium markets while protecting the interests of American taxpayers, and for other purposes.

*House Report 113–55 (H.R. 767)*, To amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to modify the Pilot Project offices of the Federal Permit Streamlining Pilot Project.

*House Report 113–56 (H.R. 573)*, To amend Public Law 93–435 with respect to the Northern Mariana Islands, providing parity with Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa.

*House Report 113–57 (H.R. 356)*, To clarify authority granted under the Act entitled “An Act to define the exterior boundary of the Uintah and Ouray Indian Reservation in the State of Utah, and for other purposes”.

*House Report 113–61, Part 2, (H.R. 3)*, To improve the construction, operation, and maintenance of the Keystone XL pipeline, and for other purposes.

*House Report 113–65 (H.R. 993)*, To provide for the conveyance of certain parcels of National Forest System land to the city of Fruit Heights, Utah.

*House Report 113–66 (H.R. 1208)*, To establish the Manhattan Project National Historical Park in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, Los Alamos, New Mexico, and Hanford, Washington, and for other purposes.

*House Report 113-67 (H.R. 1206)*, To grant the Secretary of the Interior permanent authority to authorize States to issue electronic duck stamps, and for other purposes.

*House Report 113-68 (H.R. 1158)*, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to continue stocking fish in certain lakes in the North Cascades National Park, Ross Lake National Recreation Area, and Lake Chelan National Recreation Area.

*House Report 113-69 (H.R. 1156)*, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to adjust the boundary of the Stephen Mather Wilderness and the North Cascades National Park in order to allow the rebuilding of a road outside of the floodplain while ensuring that there is no net loss of acreage to the Park or the Wilderness, and for other purposes.

*House Report 113-70 (H.R. 885)*, To expand the boundary of the San Antonio Missions National Historical Park, and for other purposes.

*House Report 113-71 (H.R. 934)*, To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act related to a segment of the Lower Merced River in California, and for other purposes.

*House Report 113-72 (H.R. 674)*, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating prehistoric, historic, and limestone forest sites on Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as a unit of the National Park System.

*House Report 113-73 (H.R. 723)*, To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of the Beaver, Chipuxet, Queen, Wood, and Pawcatuck Rivers in the States of Connecticut and Rhode Island for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes.

*House Report 113-74 (H.R. 829)*, To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of Illabot Creek in Skagit County, Washington, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

*House Report 113-75 (H.R. 862)*, To authorize the conveyance of two small parcels of land within the boundaries of the Coconino National Forest containing private improvements that were developed based upon the reliance of the landowners in an erroneous survey conducted in May 1960.

*House Report 113-76 (H.R. 876)*, To authorize the continued use of certain water diversions located on National Forest System land in the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness and the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness in the State of Idaho, and for other purposes.

*House Report 113-77 (H.R. 126)*, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to enter into an agreement to provide for management of the free-roaming wild horses in and around the Currituck National Wildlife Refuge.

*House Report 113-78 (H.R. 251)*, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal features of the electric distribution system to the South Utah Valley Electric Service District, and for other purposes.

*House Report 113-79 (H.R. 330)*, To designate a Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial at the March Field Air Museum in Riverside, California.

*House Report 113-80 (H.R. 462)*, To require the conveyance of certain public land within the boundaries of Camp Williams, Utah, to support the training and readiness of the Utah National Guard.

*House Report 113-81 (H.R. 520)*, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of alternatives for commemorating and interpreting the role of the Buffalo Soldiers in the early years of the National Parks, and for other purposes.

*House Report 113-98 (H.R. 253)*, To provide for the conveyance of approximately 80 acres of National Forest System land in the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest in Utah to Brigham Young University, and for other purposes.

*House Report 113-99 (H.R. 1157)*, To ensure public access to the summit of Rattlesnake Mountain in the Hanford Reach National Monument for educational, recreational, historical, scientific, cultural, and other purposes.

*House Report 113-100, Part 1, (H.R. 1384)*, To provide for the issuance of a Wildlife Refuge System Conservation Semipostal Stamp.

*House Report 113-101, Part 1, (H.R. 1613)*, To amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to provide for the proper Federal management and oversight of transboundary hydrocarbon reservoirs, and for other purposes.

*House Report 113-110 (H.R. 85)*, To create the Office of Chief Financial Officer of the Government of the Virgin Islands, and for other purposes.

*House Report 113-111 (H.R. 1169)*, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to transfer to the Secretary of the Navy certain Federal land in Churchill County, Nevada.

*House Report 113-112 (H.R. 1300)*, To amend the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 to reauthorize the volunteer programs and community partnerships for the benefit of national wildlife refuges, and for other purposes.

*House Report 113-115, Part 1, (H.R. 1080)*, To amend the Sikes Act to promote the use of cooperative agreements under such Act for land management related to Department of Defense readiness activities and to amend title 10, United States Code, to facilitate interagency cooperation in conservation programs to avoid or reduce adverse impacts on military readiness activities.

*House Report 113-119, Part 1, (H.R. 910)*, To reauthorize the Sikes Act.

*House Report 113-120, Part 1, (H.R. 1299)*, To provide for the transfer of certain public land currently administered by the Bureau of Land Management to the administrative jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Army for inclusion in White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico, and for other purposes.

*House Report 113-121, Part 1, (H.R. 1672)*, To withdraw and reserve certain public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management for exclusive military use as part of the Limestone Hills Training Area, Montana, and for other purposes.

*House Report 113-122, Part 1, (H.R. 1673)*, To provide for the transfer of certain public land currently administered by the Bureau of Land Management to the administrative jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Navy for inclusion in Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake, California, and for other purposes.

*House Report 113–123, Part 1, (H.R. 1676)*, To designate the Johnson Valley National Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Area in San Bernardino County, California, to authorize limited military use of the area, to provide for the transfer of the Southern Study Area to the administrative jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Navy for inclusion in the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, and by recreational users, and for other purposes.

*House Report 113–124, Part 1, (H.R. 1691)*, To provide for the transfer of certain public land currently administered by the Bureau of Land Management to the administrative jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Navy for inclusion in the Chocolate Mountain Aerial Gunnery Range, California, and for other purposes.

*House Report 113–125 (H.R. 2231)*, To amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to increase energy exploration and production on the Outer Continental Shelf, provide for equitable revenue sharing for all coastal States, implement the reorganization of the functions of the former Minerals Management Service into distinct and separate agencies, and for other purposes.

*House Report 113–137 (H.R. 697)*, To provide for the conveyance of certain Federal land in Clark County, Nevada, for the environmental remediation and reclamation of the Three Kids Mine Project Site, and for other purposes.

*House Report 113–138, Part 1, (H.R. 761)*, To require the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to more efficiently develop domestic sources of the minerals and mineral materials of strategic and critical importance to United States economic and national security and manufacturing competitiveness.

*House Report 113–139 (H.R. 1411)*, To include the Point Arena-Stornetta Public Lands in the California Coastal National Monument as a part of the National Landscape Conservation System, and for other purposes.

*House Report 113–140 (H.R. 1497)*, To amend title 36, United States Code, to ensure that memorials commemorating the service of the United States Armed Forces may contain religious symbols, and for other purposes.

*House Report 113–141 (H.R. 1574)*, To amend the Dayton Aviation Heritage Preservation Act of 1992 to rename a site of the park.

*House Report 113–145, Part 1, (H.R. 657)*, To amend the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 to improve the management of grazing leases and permits, and for other purposes.

*House Report 113–146, Part 1, (H.R. 819)*, To authorize pedestrian and motorized vehicular access in Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area, and for other purposes.

*House Report 113–166, (H.R. 412)*, To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the mainstem of the Nashua River and its tributaries in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes.

*House Report 113–167 (H.R. 687)*, To facilitate the efficient extraction of mineral resources in southeast Arizona by authorizing and directing an exchange of Federal and non-Federal land, and for other purposes.

*House Report 113–168 (H.R. 841)*, To amend the Grand Ronde Reservation Act to make technical corrections, and for other purposes.

*House Report 113–169 (H.R. 957)*, To amend section 251A of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to eliminate the Department of Defense sequestration for fiscal years 2013 and 2014 and sequester such eliminated sums over a period of fiscal years 2015 through 2021.

*House Report 113–190 (S. 130)*, A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to the Powell Recreation District in the State of Wyoming.

*House Report 113–191 (S. 304)*, A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the State of Mississippi 2 parcels of surplus land within the boundary of the Natchez Trace Parkway, and for other purposes.

*House Report 113–192 (S. 157)*, A bill to provide for certain improvements to the Denali National Park and Preserve in the State of Alaska, and for other purposes.

*House Report 113–193 (S. 459)*, A bill to modify the boundary of the Minuteman Missile National Historic Site in the State of South Dakota, and for other purposes.

*House Report 113–194 (H.R. 2650)*, To allow the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa in the State of Minnesota to lease or transfer certain land.

*House Report 113–195 (H.R. 2388)*, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to take certain Federal lands located in El Dorado County, California, into trust for the benefit of the Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians, and for other purposes.

*House Report 113–196 (H.R. 2337)*, To provide for the conveyance of the Forest Service Lake Hill Administrative Site in Summit County, Colorado.

*House Report 113–197 (H.R. 1964)*, To amend the Naval Petroleum Reserves Production Act of 1976 to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct an expeditious program of competitive leasing of oil and gas in the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska, including at least one lease sale in the Reserve each year in the period 2013 through 2023, and for other purposes.

*House Report 113–198 (H.R. 1684)*, To convey certain property to the State of Wyoming to consolidate the historic Ranch A, and for other purposes.

*House Report 113–199 (H.R. 1394)*, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish goals for an all-of-the-above energy production plan strategy on a 4-year basis on all onshore Federal lands managed by the Department of the Interior and the Forest Service.

*House Report 113–200 (H.R. 255)*, To amend certain definitions contained in the Provo River Project Transfer Act for purposes of clarifying certain property descriptions, and for other purposes.

*House Report 113–201 (H.R. 555)*, To amend the Mineral Leasing Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct onshore oil and gas lease sales through Internet-based live lease sales, and for other purposes.

*House Report 113–202 (H.R. 1818)*, To amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to allow importation of polar bear trophies taken in sport hunts in Canada before the date the polar

bear was determined to be a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973.

*House Report 113-203 (H.R. 740)*, To provide for the settlement of certain claims under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, and for other purposes.

*House Report 113-204 (H.R. 553)*, To designate the exclusive economic zone of the United States as the “Ronald Wilson Reagan Exclusive Economic Zone of the United States”.

*House Report 113-210 (H.R. 1410)*, To prohibit gaming activities on certain Indian lands in Arizona until the expiration of certain gaming compacts.

*House Report 113-213, Part 1, (H.R. 1526)*, To restore employment and educational opportunities in, and improve the economic stability of, counties containing National Forest System land, while also reducing Forest Service management costs, by ensuring that such counties have a dependable source of revenue from National Forest System land, to provide a temporary extension of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, and for other purposes.

*House Report 113-217 (H.R. 586)*, To provide for certain improvements to the Denali National Park and Preserve in the State of Alaska, and for other purposes.

*House Report 113-218 (H.R. 638)*, To amend the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 to require that any new national wildlife refuge may not be established except as expressly authorized by statute.

*House Report 113-219 (H.R. 930)*, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the archeological site and surrounding land of the New Philadelphia town site in the State of Illinois, and for other purposes.

*House Report 113-220 (H.R. 1168)*, To direct the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Land Management, to convey to the City of Carlin, Nevada, in exchange for consideration, all right, title, and interest of the United States, to any Federal land within that city that is under the jurisdiction of that agency, and for other purposes.

*House Report 113-221 (H.R. 1459)*, To ensure that the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 applies to the declaration of national monuments, and for other purposes.

*House Report 113-222 (H.R. 1513)*, To revise the boundaries of the Gettysburg National Military Park to include the Gettysburg Train Station and certain land along Plum Run in Cumberland Township, to limit the means by which property within such revised boundaries may be acquired, and for other purposes.

*House Report 113-223 (H.R. 2197)*, To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the York River and associated tributaries for study for potential inclusion in the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

*House Report 113-224 (H.R. 2640)*, To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to adjust the Crooked River boundary, to provide water certainty for the City of Prineville, Oregon, and for other purposes.

*House Report 113-248, Part 1, (H.R. 623)*, To provide for the conveyance of certain property located in Anchorage, Alaska, from the United States to the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium.

*House Report 113-249 (H.R. 1963)*, To amend the Water Conservation and Utilization Act to authorize the development of non-Federal hydropower and issuance of leases of power privileges at projects constructed pursuant to the authority of the Water Conservation and Utilization Act, and for other purposes.

*House Report 113-250, Part 1, (H.R. 2463)*, To amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to facilitate the establishment of additional or expanded public target ranges in certain States.

*House Report 113-261 (H.R. 2728)*, To recognize States' authority to regulate oil and gas operations and promote American energy security, development, and job creation.

*House Report 113-262, Part 1, (H.R. 1965)*, To streamline and ensure onshore energy permitting, provide for onshore leasing certainty, and give certainty to oil shale development for American energy security, economic development, and job creation, and for other purposes.

*House Report 113-263 (H.R. 1548)*, To facilitate the development of energy on Indian lands by reducing Federal regulations that impede tribal development of Indian lands, and for other purposes.

*House Report 113-280 (H.R. 298)*, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to evaluate the significance of the Mill Springs Battlefield located in Pulaski and Wayne Counties, Kentucky, and the feasibility of its inclusion in the National Park System, and for other purposes.

*House Report 113-281 (H.R. 1241)*, To facilitate a land exchange involving certain National Forest System lands in the Inyo National Forest, and for other purposes.

*House Report 113-282 (H.R. 1846)*, To amend the Act establishing the Lower East Side Tenement National Historic Site, and for other purposes.

*House Report 113-287 (H.R. 2319)*, To clarify certain provisions of the Native American Veterans' Memorial Establishment Act of 1994.





## APPENDIX VI

### ACTIVITIES REPORT—ADDITIONAL VIEWS

#### **Full Committee**

The House Natural Resources Committee had a busy and productive year focusing on legislative and oversight activities to create and protect jobs and grow the economy through the responsible use and production of our natural resources. The Committee held 93 hearings and meetings in total, including 25 by the Full Committee.

The House passed 50 bills from the Committee this year, each with bipartisan support. This includes 41 bills passed under the suspension process—which means each of these bills had broad, overwhelming, and bipartisan support in the House. 10 bills have been signed into law by the President.

In addition to advancing legislation, the Committee also took serious its responsibility to conduct oversight of the Executive Branch. The Committee took a close and thoughtful look at numerous Obama Administration policies, regulations and actions, including the Endangered Species Act, the Magnuson Stevens Act, the National Ocean Policy, the barricading of national parks and monuments during the government shutdown, and many more. Through investigations and oversight hearings, the Committee sought answers from the Administration on behalf of the American people and promoted accountability and transparency.

#### *Endangered Species Act*

The Committee held five oversight hearings this year on the Endangered Species Act (ESA), examining ways in which the law can be improved and modernized. The ESA was created four decades ago in 1973. Since that time, over 1,500 U.S. domestic species and sub-species have been listed. Most species remain on the list and hundreds more could potentially be added within just the next two years. Congress last renewed the ESA in 1988, which means it has been 25 years since any substantial updates have been made.

The Committee specifically examined the impacts of ESA-related litigation and closed-door settlement agreements. Excessive litigation has become one of the greatest obstacles to the success of the ESA. Instead of focusing on recovering endangered species, groups are using the ESA to file hundreds of lawsuits, threats of lawsuits, and petitions against the government. In response, agencies have focused significant time and financial resources addressing those lawsuits instead of on conservation efforts to avoid species listings, ensuring the collection of transparent and best data, and species recovery. In 2011 the Interior Department announced it had negotiated, behind closed-doors, mega-settlements with the Center for Biological Diversity and WildEarth Guardians. Together, these set-

lements (and others involving other groups with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service) could increase the number of federal species listed by 50 percent—up to 700 additional species by 2016. In just the past two years alone, the number of species listings has increased by 210.

The Committee also held an oversight hearing highlighting successful tribal, state and local stewardship versus the regulatory mandates and sue-and-settle practices of the federal government. The hearing examined how Indian tribes, state and local communities have been able to implement successful conservation efforts to keep species off of the ESA list and do it in a manner that responsibly respects local economic activities, private property, and other uses.

Finally, the Committee focused on the need to increase transparency of ESA-listing decisions, rules, and executive orders. Much of the science and data used to justify endangered species regulatory actions are not publicly available for analysis. This lack of transparency, availability of data, and peer review leads to questions about the scientific inadequacy and lack of prioritization of listing decisions. Modernization of scientific and transparency, including use of DNA and the Internet, are not sufficiently utilized.

#### *National Ocean Policy*

The Committee conducted oversight over President Obama's plan to unilaterally implement a new National Ocean Policy and mandatory ocean zoning. Established through Executive Order, the President's National Ocean Policy is the latest regulatory weapon to impose new bureaucratic restrictions on nearly every sector of our economy. While marketed as a common sense plan for the development and protection of our oceans, it is instead being used to create a massive new bureaucracy that would harm our economy.

The reach of the President's ocean zoning initiative is not limited to just our oceans but also would grant new federal authority to regulate far inland. That means all activities occurring on lands adjacent to rivers, tributaries, or watersheds that drain into the ocean could be impacted. This has the potential to affect a multitude of economic activities including agriculture, fishing, construction, manufacturing, mining, oil and natural gas, and renewable energy. These industries currently support tens of millions of jobs and contribute trillions of dollars to the U.S. economy.

The Natural Resources Committee held an oversight hearing and sent a series of document request letters to the Administration regarding how this initiative has been funded, the breadth of its reach, and the impacts it will have on jobs, our economy, and energy security.

#### *Magnuson-Stevens Act*

The Committee this year held multiple hearings on fisheries management and the reauthorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The Magnuson-Stevens Act governs the recreational and commercial harvest of fisheries in Federal waters. It was last authorized by Congress in 2006 and a draft proposal to renew and modernize the law was unveiled in mid-December for public input. The draft proposal would imple-

ment common sense reforms that will promote increased flexibility and transparency, improve data collection, create jobs, and give predictability and certainty to the coastal communities that depend on fishing activities.

*Obama administration's efforts to rewrite regulations on coal production*

Almost immediately after taking office, the Obama Administration began rewriting a recently completed coal regulation, the 2008 Stream Buffer Zone Rule. This unnecessary action, carried out through the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement at the Department of the Interior, proposed to dramatically alter a regulation that took over five years of environmental analysis and careful scientific consideration to complete. The Department's process in rewriting this regulation has been rushed and unorthodox. After tossing aside the 2008 plan, the Department spent millions of taxpayer dollars and hired new contractors to complete a new environmental impact statement, even though one was already completed for the 2008 rule. Those contractors were dismissed after it was publically revealed that the Administration's new proposed regulation would cost 7,000 jobs and cause economic harm in 22 states. The Administration has spent \$9 million taxpayer dollars working on this rewrite, but has failed to even publish a draft rule.

For over two years the Committee has been conducting an investigation into this rewrite. The Committee has passed legislation, H.R. 2824, the *Preventing Government Waste and Protecting Coal Mining Jobs in America Act* by Reps. Bill Johnson (OH-06) and Doug Lamborn (CO-05), that would save American jobs and taxpayer dollars by preventing the Obama Administration from imposing job-destroying coal regulations.

*The National Park Service's implementation of the Government shutdown*

During President Obama's government shutdown in October, the Committee conducted extensive oversight and held a joint hearing with the Oversight and Government Reform Committee on the Administration's arbitrary and unnecessary actions including the erection of metal barricades around certain national parks, monuments, and memorials in order to make the government shutdown as painful as possible. Americans were deliberately being denied access to open-air memorials and national parks—places that are open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year and were not closed by the Clinton Administration during the last government shutdown. Private businesses on federal lands were also initially forced to close. Document request letters have been sent to multiple agencies to document these arbitrary decisions.

*Retroactive sequester cuts to Secure Rural Schools payments*

The Committee continues to conduct oversight into the Obama Administration's decision to retroactively subject Secure Rural Schools (SRS) payments to sequestration cuts. On March 19th, the Obama Administration demanded repayment of \$17.9 million in SRS payments that had already been disbursed to states. SRS

funds help to replace the timber receipts counties used to get to pay for vital services in rural communities including education, infrastructure, and emergency services. The Obama Administration's demand sparked bipartisan opposition from Governors and Members of Congress, who sent a letter questioning why the Administration was subjecting SRS payments that were made to counties in January based on fiscal year 2012 funding, to the fiscal year 2013 sequester. After months of stonewalling by the Administration and multiple attempts by this Committee to get answers about these retroactive cuts, subpoenas were issued to the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Office of Management and Budget for documents and information. The Obama Administration has yet to fully comply with the subpoenas.

*Department of the Interior's ethics office*

For over a year the Committee has conducted oversight of how political appointees and senior career officials within the Department of the Interior are complying with federal ethics and conflict of interest laws. Committee staff were told by Department officials at the beginning of this investigation that only eight ethics cases have been referred to the Office of the Inspector General (IG) since January 2009—only one of those cases involved a senior career official and none involved a political appointee. Serious questions have been raised about whether the Department and the IG are, in fact, aggressively pursuing allegations of wrongdoing and whether current and former senior Obama Administration officials are being held accountable for complying with federal ethics and conflict of interest laws.

*Department of the Interior's Office of Inspector General*

The Committee this year conducted oversight and released a staff report on the need for a permanent Inspector General for the Department of the Interior. Since the Department's previous Inspector General Earl Devaney was appointed to a new position nearly four years ago, the Department's Office of Inspector General (IG) has been run by Deputy Inspector General Mary Kendall, serving in an acting capacity. The Department has been without a permanent IG since 2009. The report, entitled "Holding Interior Watchdog Accountable," details mismanagement by Ms. Kendall while overseeing the IG. These include: not pursuing investigations involving political appointees or Administration priorities; informing senior Department officials of problems without conducting formal investigations and not issuing reports to Congress and the public; not adequately documenting the management of IG investigations and operations; serving in an appointed policy role in conflict with the IG's investigative duties; preventing an investigator from seeking information from a White House official; and providing inaccurate and misleading information to Congress.

The report also details how Ms. Kendall has openly expressed the desire to receive the nomination to become the permanent Inspector General while administering the IG's oversight role in a manner that was privately accommodating to senior Department officials and the Obama Administration compared to the IG's more assertive style in past Administrations.

### Energy and Mineral Resources Subcommittee

Chaired by Rep. Doug Lamborn (CO-05), the Energy and Minerals Subcommittee has held 17 legislative and oversight hearings this year focused on protecting and expanding access to American energy and mineral resources in order to create jobs, grow our economy, and strengthen our national security.

The Subcommittee worked extensively this year to pass legislation to increase federal production of oil, natural gas, and renewable energy resources—both onshore and offshore.

In June, the House passed H.R. 2231, the *Offshore Energy and Jobs Act*. This bill removes federal government barriers that block production of our own U.S. energy resources and opens new offshore areas that have that most oil and natural gas resources. The bill would create 1.2 million American jobs, generate \$1.5 billion in revenue, lower energy prices, and strengthen our national security. In June, the House also passed H.R. 1613, the *Outer Continental Shelf Transboundary Hydrocarbon Agreements Authorization Act*. This legislation would enact the terms of an agreement signed by the Obama Administration and Mexico to govern how to explore, develop, and share revenue from oil and natural gas resources along the maritime border in the Gulf of Mexico.

The House this year also passed a package of bills to protect and expand onshore American energy production. H.R. 1965, the *Federal Lands Jobs and Energy Security Act of 2013*, includes the following five Natural Resources bills:

- *Federal Lands Jobs and Energy Security Act* (Lamborn CO-05)—This bill would reform the leasing process for onshore oil and natural gas projects on federal lands to eliminate unnecessary delays; reform the process for energy permitting, once a lease is in hand, to encourage the timely development of our federal resources; ensure funds are available for efficient wind and solar permitting; and set clear rules for the development of U.S. oil shale resources.

- *Planning for American Energy Act* (Tipton, CO-03)—This bill would establish common sense steps to create an all-of-the-above American energy plan for using federal lands to meet our Nation's energy needs.

- *National Petroleum Reserve Alaska Access Act* (Hastings, WA-04)—This bill would cut through bureaucratic red tape to unlock the full potential of energy resources in the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska (NPR-A) by ensuring that oil and natural gas are developed and transported in a timely and efficient manner.

- *BLM Live Internet Auctions Act* (Johnson, OH-06)—This bill would give the Secretary of the Interior the authority to conduct internet-based auctions for onshore leases to ensure the best return to the Federal taxpayer, reduce fraud, and secure the leasing process.

- *Native American Energy Act* (Young, AK-At Large)—This bill would streamline burdensome and duplicative government regulations and remove the barriers erected by the Obama Administration that are blocking Indian tribes from developing energy resources on their own land and creating new jobs.

The Subcommittee held numerous oversight and legislation hearings this year on the Interior Department's proposed regulations of hydraulic fracturing on federal and tribal lands. The Obama Ad-

ministration's proposed federal regulations on hydraulic fracturing would cost American jobs, decrease American energy production, increase energy prices, and harm economic growth. They would add duplicative, costly, and unnecessary layers of red-tape. According to a study by John Dunham & Associates, the proposed regulation would cost at least \$345 million annually. In November, the House passed H.R. 2728, the *Protecting States' Rights to Promote American Energy Security Act*, introduced by Rep. Bill Flores (R-TX) and Rep. Henry Cuellar (D-TX). This bipartisan bill would protect American jobs and American energy production by limiting the Obama Administration's ability to impose duplicative federal regulations on hydraulic fracturing. It prohibits the Interior Department from enforcing federal hydraulic fracturing regulations in any state that already has regulations and recognizes states' authority to regulate this type of activity.

For over a year, the Subcommittee has conducted oversight on our Nation's helium program and successfully developed legislation, which was signed into law (Public Law No: 113-40) by the President in October, to prevent an impending helium shortage. H.R. 527, the *Responsible Helium Administration and Stewardship Act*, sponsored by Chairman Hastings and then-Ranking Member Markey, is a common sense plan to sell helium from the Federal Helium Reserve in a responsible manner to prevent a global shortage, close the Federal Helium Reserve once and for all, protect jobs and the economy, and ensure a fairer return for taxpayers.

Finally, the Subcommittee held numerous oversight and legislative hearings this year on coal and mineral production. Currently, the U.S. is nearly 100% reliant on foreign countries, such as China, for rare earth elements and other critical and strategic minerals that are vital components to America's manufacturing sector. The House passed H.R. 761, the *National Strategic and Critical Minerals Production Act*, by Rep. Mark Amodei (NV-02), which would allow the U.S. to more efficiently develop our Nation's strategic and critical minerals and streamline the permitting process for mineral development.

#### **Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs Subcommittee**

The Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs, chaired by Rep. John Fleming (LA-04), held 11 hearings this year focused on promoting responsible management and conservation of our fisheries, wildlife, and ocean resources as well as economic development and fiscal responsibility in insular areas. The fundamental goal of the hearings was to balance responsible stewardship of our natural resources with the need to protect and create American jobs.

The Subcommittee carefully examined budget requests of the agencies under its jurisdiction including the Fish and Wildlife Service, the Office of Insular Affairs, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the Council on Environmental Quality. The Obama Administration requested that \$1.55 billion be allocated to the Fish and Wildlife Service for Fiscal Year 2014, \$94 million more than what was appropriated in Fiscal Year 2013. The Fish and Wildlife Service indicated that its Fiscal Year 2014 budget submission includes a number of "tough choices." Yet, a close ex-

amination of their requests found that only the construction account would receive less money in the upcoming fiscal year.

Members of the Subcommittee held several oversight hearings on the Lacey Act and its unintended consequences. The Act was enacted in 1900 to protect native flora and fauna by banning the interstate transportation and sale of illegally obtained animal and certain plants. However, since then it has been amended several times, including expansions to include foreign laws, fish, and the importation and sale of illegally obtained timber and other plant products. The broad expansion of the law has increased job-destroying red-tape and resulted in unanticipated consequences that have negatively impacted individuals and American businesses. In September, the Subcommittee furthered its oversight of the Lacey Act by examining the potential effects of the Fish and Wildlife Service's proposal to short-circuit, by executive fiat, existing rules for adding species to the Lacey Act's injurious wildlife list.

The Subcommittee also conducted oversight into the National Wildlife Refuge System. The National Wildlife Refuge System is comprised of federal lands that have been acquired or designated for the conservation and enhancement of fish and wildlife, and on which compatible recreation is allowed. However, the current maintenance backlog recorded for the Fish and Wildlife Service now stands at \$2.3 billion. The Subcommittee specifically examined the Fish and Wildlife's decision and the amount it would cost taxpayers to expand the boundaries of the Chickasaw and Lower Hatchie National Wildlife Refuges in Tennessee by 120,078 acres. The expansion of the Chickasaw and Lower Hatchie National Wildlife Refuges is a classic case of the federal government's desire to buy an unlimited amount of private land, while ignoring its responsibilities to maintain the land it already owns. Along those lines, the Committee adopted legislation sponsored by Subcommittee Chairman Fleming to require a Congressional authorization of all new national wildlife refuges and extend the conservation of wildlife on 30 million acres of military lands.

The Subcommittee reviewed legislation to update authorized appropriations for laws that support programs to assist commercial and recreational vessels transiting through U.S. waterways—H.R. 1399, the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act and H.R. 2219, the Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act. The programs authorized by these laws support: the collection of hydrographic survey data to produce nautical charts and the collection of data on currents, waves, and wind speed used by vessels transiting into U.S. ports; the collection of physical, geological, biological and chemical data to support ocean research, monitoring and forecasting, as well as fisheries management; the collection of ocean circulation patterns data to assist coastal managers in understanding the movement of marine debris to protect human safety and health; and the collection of ocean currents and storm surges to assist in the safe design of ocean structures (i.e. oil and gas platforms) to reduce damage and loss of life.

The Subcommittee also reviewed legislation dealing with severe marine debris events—H.R. 1425, to allow grant funding to be used to address these severe events and H.R. 1491, which would allow the Administrator of the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric

Administration to reimburse states for past, current and any future marine debris clean-up costs related to the 2011 Japan tsunami event.

Finally, the Subcommittee moved legislation (H.R. 573) to provide the Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands management authority over 3 nautical miles of its territorial sea giving the Commonwealth parity with the other U.S. territories. It became P.L. 113-34.

### **Indian and Alaska Native Affairs Subcommittee**

Chaired by Rep. Don Young (AK, at large), the Subcommittee this year focused on promoting job creation and economic growth on Tribal and Alaska Native lands.

The Subcommittee held multiple hearings on Tribal development of energy resources and the creation of energy jobs on Indian lands. While Indian lands contain vast energy resources, actions by the Obama Administration have prevented many tribes from developing resources, creating jobs, and improving their local tribal economies. Since taking office, the Obama Administration has implemented numerous roadblocks to Indian Energy development. The Subcommittee has conducted vigorous oversight of the Administration in order to shine light on these policies and ensure accountability.

In November, the House passed H.R. 1965, the *Federal Lands Jobs and Energy Security Act*. This included legislation, the *Native American Energy Act*, introduced by Subcommittee Chairman Young, to streamline burdensome and duplicative government regulations and increase the opportunity for Indian tribes to develop energy resources on their own land.

The House also passed H.R. 2728, the *Protecting States' Right to Promote American Energy Security Act*, which included an amendment that would protect the rights of tribal nations by keeping the federal government from imposing additional hydraulic fracturing regulations on tribal lands. Many tribes have expressed concerns that they were left out of the Interior Department's rulemaking process on hydraulic fracturing and that the proposed rule could greatly impede Tribes' ability to develop their own energy resources.

The Subcommittee conducted oversight this year on the implementation of the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) rule on the Universal Service Fund and the importance of expanded broadband access to Indian and Alaska Native communities. Nearly one in three Native Americans lacks basic telephone service and only one in ten have broadband service.

Finally, the Subcommittee held an oversight hearing on the *Executive Branch standards for land-in-trust decisions for gaming purposes*. This hearing examined concerns that have been expressed by tribes, state and municipal governments, and private organizations that the Bureau of Indian Affairs' policy guidelines do not adequately take into consideration the adverse impacts of off-reservation gaming. Indian gaming revenues have grown from a very small amount in 1988, to \$16.8 billion in 2003, to \$27.9 billion in 2012, the highest revenue amount on record. There are more than 420 casinos run by about 240 tribes across 28 states.



### **Public Lands and Environmental Regulation Subcommittee**

Chaired by Rep. Rob Bishop (UT-01), the new Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation has held 24 hearings this Congress that have focused on protecting and maintaining federal lands and ensuring public access and multiple-use of public lands in order to create jobs and grow our economy.

The Subcommittee has jurisdiction over matters related to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and all public lands including the National Park System, U.S. Forests, Bureau of Land Management lands and National Monuments. NEPA was previously handled at the Full Committee and the creation of this new Subcommittee allows it to be reviewed in a more focused manner. NEPA impacts nearly every sector of our economy and the Subcommittee focused on how it relates to federal lands and activities, as well as private, state, and local economic development. At the lead of Subcommittee Chairman Bishop, a letter was sent to the Government Accountability Office (GAO) requesting a comprehensive economic and administrative evaluation of federal agencies' required compliance with NEPA over the last five fiscal years. The letter also asks the GAO to examine costs associated with NEPA related litigation and delays in regulatory approvals.

This year, the House passed legislation to renew the federal government's commitment to manage federal forests for the benefit of rural schools and counties. Over a hundred years ago, the federal government made a promise to rural schools and counties that they would share in the benefits of wisely managed forests. Our federal forests were designed to be multiple-use land but over the years, due to faulty federal regulations and litigation, forest management and forest health have dramatically declined. As a result, thousands of people have lost their jobs, counties lack the resources to pay for basic services, and our forest became increasingly susceptible to disease and wildfire. H.R. 1526, *Restoring Healthy Forest for Healthy Communities Act*, will create over 200,000 direct and indirect jobs; provide stable funding for counties to use for education and other basic services; provide nearly \$400 million in savings over 10 years; improve local management of our federal forests; and help reduce the risk of wildfires.

The Subcommittee also held numerous oversight hearings examining the differences between state and federal forest management. Subcommittee Members heard from state leaders, local land managers, and timber experts on the inadequacies and burdens of current federal forest management practices that have contributed to poor forest health, underfunded schools, lost jobs, and suppressed economic activities and recreational opportunities in communities near National Forests. In comparison, state managed forests can often produce hundreds of times more revenue, from just a fraction of the land base while maintaining vibrant, healthy forests to support local communities. The Subcommittee also held hearings on the need for increased forest management to address forest health and reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfires.

In June, the Full Committee approved H.R. 1126, the *Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Completion Act*. This bipartisan legislation, sponsored by Subcommittee Chairman Bishop, seeks to build consensus around a new Eisenhower Memorial by implementing a new

design competition and providing a three-year extension of the memorial site designation, which is set to expire at the end of 2013. The current design and competition process has been the subject of repeated scrutiny, including by members of the Eisenhower family who are opposed to the current extravagant and inappropriate design. Since 1999, Congress has appropriated \$63 million in taxpayer funds for the design of the Memorial and operations of the Commission, and the Commission has requested an additional \$51 million in Fiscal Year 2014 to begin construction.

The Committee also approved H.R. 687, the *Southeast Arizona Land Exchange and Conservation Act of 2013*, introduced by Rep. Paul Gosar (AZ-04). This legislation would authorize a fair value land exchange in Southeast Arizona that would open up the third largest undeveloped copper resources in the world. The mining project would support nearly 3,700 jobs and create an economic impact of nearly \$62 billion while bringing in nearly \$20 billion in tax revenue to federal, state, and local governments. Additionally, this project would produce enough copper to meet 25 percent of the current U.S. demand and would fully protect environmental and tribal rights.

H.R. 657, the *Grazing Improvement Act*, introduced by Raúl Labrador (ID-01), was passed by the Full Committee in June. This bipartisan legislation would amend the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 to extend the period of a term for permits and leases from 10 to 20 years for domestic livestock grazing on public lands or lands within national forests. Livestock grazing represents one of the earliest uses of federally managed lands and is essential to the livestock industry, wildlife habitat, open space, and the rural economies of many western communities.

In May, the Subcommittee held an oversight hearing featuring testimony by Utah Governor Gary Herbert, Chairman of the Western Governors' Association. The hearing highlighted the challenges of Western states regarding federal and state land management. At the hearing, Members and Governor Herbert discussed how states are able to find their own solutions to land management, tailored to their unique circumstances. In contrast, the federal government is bound by a statutory, attitudinal and regulatory framework that hinders effective land management. Utah and other states are successfully managing their lands in ways that better protect natural resources, promote a healthy economy, and protect public access.

Finally, the Subcommittee conducted oversight into impediments to public recreation on public lands. If managed wisely, our vast system of public lands could provide greater opportunities for the full range of wholesome, outdoor family recreation than are currently allowed. Hearings examined the obstacles by the federal government that put more costs and burdens on small businesses and limit public recreational access to public lands.

### **Water and Power Subcommittee**

Led by Chairman Tom McClintock (CA-04), the Water and Power Subcommittee held 10 hearings this year and advanced multiple bills that focused on creating new American jobs and protecting and promoting water and electric supply infrastructure.

Numerous oversight hearings were held on protecting existing hydropower facilities from litigious special interest groups, protecting non-federal hydroelectric dams from costly, burdensome and often unrelated requirements imposed by federal agencies, and expanding large and small-scale hydropower production.

This August, H.R. 678, *The Bureau of Reclamation Small Conduit Hydropower Development and Rural Jobs Act*, was signed into law (P.L. 113-24) by President Obama. This law, authored by Rep. Scott Tipton (CO-03) authorizes hydropower production on Bureau of Reclamation water canals and pipes and reduces administrative and regulatory costs for developing these clean and renewable energy projects. This will create jobs and generate thousands of megawatts of hydropower at no cost to taxpayers and will create revenue for local power providers and the federal government.

In a separate action, the House also passed H.R. 1963, *The Bureau of Reclamation Conduit Hydropower Development Equity and Jobs Act* in December. The bill, authored by Rep. Steve Daines (MT-At Large) removes outdated federal statutory barriers to conduit hydropower development at eleven Bureau of Reclamation projects in the intermountain west. The House also passed H.R. 2640 (Rep. Greg Walden, OR-02) and H.R. 254 (Rep. Jason Chaffetz, UT-03) to facilitate hydropower production at specific federal facilities. H.R. 254 became P.L. 113-20 with the President's signature.

The Subcommittee led the way in questioning the validity and the potential effects of the Obama Administration's National "Blueways" Secretarial Order. Signed by former Interior Secretary Ken Salazar in 2012, the Blueways program allowed unilateral Secretarial discretion to designate entire watersheds as so-called Blueways with very little local community involvement and questionable legal authority. Since February, the House Natural Resources Committee, the Water and Power Subcommittee, the Congressional Western Caucus and the Arkansas and Missouri delegations have conducted oversight into the National Blueways Program. In a letter sent on June 28th, Chairman Doc Hastings (WA-04) asked for explanations about the designation process, the makeup of the National Blueways Committee, the potential for federal land acquisition and regulations, and the involvement of the Interior Department's Senior Advisor Rebecca Wodder. In July, the Subcommittee held an oversight hearing on the Blueways program with a host of affected citizens. Later that month, the Subcommittee held a field hearing in West Plains, Missouri examining the harmful effects of the National Blueways Order following the designation (and eventual rescission) of the White River Blueway. Over 500 local citizens attended this hearing while the Administration (Ms. Wodder) refused to testify once again. Meanwhile, Interior Secretary Sally Jewell announced that she had "paused" the Blueways program and in August, Wodder left the Interior Department. While it remains unclear whether this "pause" permanent or temporary, the Subcommittee will continue to monitor the currently defunct Blueways program and any future efforts to re-implement it.

In October, the Subcommittee held a hearing to showcase the need for new water storage. Entitled "A Roadmap for Increasing

our Water and Hydropower Supplies: The Need for New or Expanded Multi-Purpose Surface Storage Facilities,” the hearing examined the growing need for and the multiple-use benefits of increased water storage and ways to expedite the construction of such facilities.

The Subcommittee also took action this year to protect western water rights. Following an oversight hearing held in April on federal impediments to protecting water rights, the Subcommittee held a legislative hearing on H.R. 3189 (Tipton), the *Water Rights Protection Act* to protect state recognized water rights, prohibit federal water grabs, and uphold state water laws. This bipartisan legislation will end further attempts by the Obama Administration to take privately held water rights and jeopardize jobs in communities throughout the Western States. The Natural Resources Committee then passed the bill in November with bipartisan support and a Senate companion bill has been introduced by U.S. Senator John Barrasso (WY) and six colleagues.

Multiple hearings were also held to discuss the challenges and priorities of the Power Marketing Administrations. In April, the Subcommittee held an oversight hearing examining the spending priorities outlined in the President’s FY2014 budget requests for the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation), the four Power Marketing Administrations (PMAs), and the U.S. Geological Survey’s Water Program. At the hearing, Members discussed the importance of restoring abundance as the mission of federal water and power policies in order to prevent man-made water shortages, job losses, higher electricity prices, and questionable spending.

In June, the Subcommittee held an oversight hearing entitled “The Power Marketing Administrations: A Ratepayer Perspective.” This hearing featured testimony from some of the electricity ratepayers who receive and pay for hydropower generated at federal dams and transmitted by the four federal PMAs. For generations, millions of electricity consumers have received low-cost hydropower generated at federal dams and reservoirs. The core mission of the four PMAs is to transmit this emissions-free resource to their customers. Through their rates, these customers pay for the electricity supply, the transmission needed to deliver this power, and the capital components of both generation and transmission infrastructure plus interest to the federal government.

DOC HASTINGS,  
*Chairman.*

## APPENDIX VII

### DISSENTING VIEWS

The Views we provided on the final Report on Legislative and Oversight Activities filed by the Natural Resources Committee in the 112th Congress concluded with the following statement: “Hopefully, the failures of this Congress will inspire improved cooperation and consensus next Congress, as the natural resource challenges we face are only intensifying.” This Report for the First Session of the 113th Congress documents an aggressive pace of hearings and mark-ups, for which the Majority is to be commended, but the cooperation and consensus we had hoped for has not materialized.

The Republican energy agenda is still marked by a slavish, partisan devotion to flawed and futile policies. Instead of stubbornly sticking to their 2008 talking points, the Majority should have acknowledged the on-going oil and gas boom—one that is soon to make the United States the top oil producer in the world—and spent the Committee’s time this year working in a bipartisan manner to ensure that enhanced oil and gas development is environmentally responsible and compatible with local communities and all other uses of our federal lands.

While the rate of activity continues to skyrocket in the deepwater Gulf of Mexico, Congress has not enacted a single reform to the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act in response to the Deepwater Horizon tragedy, which happened over three and a half years ago. Numerous outside groups, including the President’s Oil Spill Commission, have called on Congress to make badly-needed and long-overdue changes to enhance the safety of offshore operations, yet Natural Resources Republicans refused to consider those, preferring instead to focus on giving the oil and gas industry unfettered access to even more of America’s oceans.

In the midst of a fracking boom which is altering the landscape of our energy markets and the landscape of many local communities, the Majority brought forth a poorly written bill that, in an attempt to prohibit even minimal regulation, includes loopholes allowing industry to circumvent all federal environmental and safety protections.

The Majority has pursued aggressive attacks on Federal lands, ignoring broadly-supported proposals to establish National Monuments and declare new wilderness areas, while advancing bills to dispose of federal land and short-circuit public input in the land use planning process. Instead of finding bipartisan ways to enhance recreation and conservation opportunities, the Majority’s agenda has emphasized undermining landmark laws like the National Environmental Policy Act. These partisan attacks put politics above

policy and prevented the Committee from engaging in more productive work.

The Majority has invested enormous time and energy investigating implementation of budget sequestration and the federal government shutdown by the Forest Service and National Park Service, both of which were the result of House Republican intransigence on the budget. Instead of working with the Minority to address the problems caused by sequestration, the Majority issued subpoenas to the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Office of Management and Budget over the Obama Administration's determination that Secure Rural Schools funds are subject to sequestration. The Majority's open-ended investigation into this matter has been a distraction when we could have been working on bipartisan legislation to accomplish our shared goal of restoring these critical funds to rural counties.

Perhaps the low point of the year was a joint hearing with the Oversight and Government Reform Committee during which the Majority attempted to shift blame for the Republican shutdown by launching mean-spirited, personal attacks against the Director of the National Park Service, a dedicated and accomplished forty-year public servant. Hopefully, the budget deal approved this week is an indication that what the Republicans learned through their investigation of the shutdown is that shutdowns should be avoided.

It appears that the Committee may turn its attention away from the "Oil Above All" agenda to reauthorizing the Magnuson-Stevens and Endangered Species Acts. This recognition of the importance of these issues is welcome. The oversight hearings on these laws have been partisan, lopsided affairs, however, raising grave concerns regarding the Majority's openness to constructive, bipartisan, bicameral efforts to update these critical statutes. We have repeatedly expressed our interest in working cooperatively on these issues and remain hopeful our invitation will be accepted.

We also hope the Majority will begin to take seriously the global crisis in wildlife poaching, illegal logging, and pirate fishing that is decimating species, funding terrorists, and undercutting legitimate American businesses. We requested hearings on these matters during the first session, but instead of granting those requests, the majority continued its misguided crusade to chisel away at the Lacey Act, one of our bedrock conservation laws. The pace at which organized criminal syndicates are clearing forests, depleting fisheries, and killing elephants, rhinos, and tigers warrants immediate action from Congress.

The Committee has abdicated its responsibilities regarding our vital insular areas, holding only a single budget hearing this year. Not only does this approach leave serious economic and conservation issues unaddressed, it also ignores significant national security issues.

Finally, the most egregious failure of the Natural Resources Committee Majority in 2013 is the refusal to consider budgetary savings in programs within the Committee's jurisdiction during a time of severe budget shortfalls. In 2011, Democrats on this Committee submitted a proposal to the Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction that would have saved \$20 billion over ten years from programs within the Natural Resources Committee's purview.

These proposals included reform of the General Mining Law of 1872, repeal of massive revenue payments to the U.S. Gulf States, increased royalty rates for oil and gas development on federal lands and reform of outdated grazing laws; the Majority opposed all of these proposals. In a time when federal support for the long-term unemployed and nutrition assistance to the working poor are being cut, the refusal of the Majority to even consider reducing the enormous windfalls enjoyed by those who use our public lands for private profit is indefensible.

We now have three full years of evidence that the Republican agenda for the Natural Resources Committee is at odds with the priorities and values of the American people. We remain eager to engage in the kind of negotiation and cooperation that have yielded real legislative accomplishment in the past and could do so in the future.

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