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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 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.

On January 8, 2014, pursuant to H.Res. 453, Mr. Bradley Byrne of Alabama was elected to the Committee.

On January 8, 2014, pursuant to H.Res. 454, Ms. Katherine Clark of Massachusetts was elected to the Committee.

On April 3, 2014, Mr. Steven A. Horsford of Nevada resigned from the Committee.

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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES,
December 30, 2014.

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 final report, encompassing the period of January 3, 2013 through December 22, 2014, of legislative and oversight activities of the Committee on Natural Resources during the 113th Congress.

Sincerely,

DOC HASTINGS,
Chairman.

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LEGISLATIVE AND OVERSIGHT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

FULL COMMITTEE

Through hearings, legislation, and oversight the House Natural Resources Committee focused extensively on creating and protecting American jobs and growing our economy through the smart and responsible management of our natural resources. The Committee was extremely productive during the 113th Congress and has the distinction of being one of the most active in Congress—holding more than 181 hearings and markups and passing 128 bills through the House.

This Congress the Committee advanced legislation to expand American energy production on federal lands and waters, restore active management of federal forests, ensure greater public access to public lands, and protect hydropower and water supplies in the West. It also led a common sense effort to modernize and strengthen the Endangered Species Act (ESA), which culminated in the House passage of legislation to make targeted improvements to the ESA—the first time in almost a decade.

The Committee also continued to conduct strong oversight of the Executive Branch's policies and actions, including the imposition of mandatory ocean zoning, the work of the Office of the Inspector General, the rewrite of coal regulations, proposed new energy regulations, and more.

Endangered Species Act

This Congress the House Natural Resources Committee led an extensive review of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) in order to modernize and strengthen it for the benefit of both species and people.

Nearly a dozen oversight and legislative hearings were held examining ways in which the law could be improved. 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 26 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. 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 settlements (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 2013 Chairman Hastings, along with Rep. Cynthia Lummis, created the Endangered Species Act Congressional Working Group. Comprised of Republican Members from affected districts nationwide, this group held forums and received hundreds of public comments from all perspectives. In February 2014, the Working Group released its final report with more than 20 recommendations. The Group found that while there is strong support for conserving endangered species, there are key areas where improvements could be made to make the law more effective for both species and people.

In July 2014 the House of Representatives approved H.R. 4315, the Endangered Species Transparency and Reasonableness Act with bipartisan support. This common sense legislation focuses on sensible and specific updates to the ESA in order to increase data transparency and species recovery; encourage the use of state, local, and tribal data in federal listing decisions; require transparency for ESA-related litigation costs; and discourage costly attorneys' fees.

Passage of the bill represents the first time in almost a decade that the House passed specific changes to the Endangered Species

Act. It incorporated the following bills passed by the Natural Resources Committee:

- H.R. 4315, *the 21st Century Endangered Species Transparency Act* (Hastings, WA-04)
- H.R. 4316, *the Endangered Species Transparency Act* (Lummis, WY-At Large)
- H.R. 4317, *the State, Tribal, and Local Species Transparency and Recovery Act* (Neugebauer, TX-19)
- H.R. 4318, *the Endangered Species Litigation Reasonableness Act* (Huizenga, MI-02)

Over 25 organizations endorsed the legislation, including the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Family Farm Alliance, National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, American Farm Bureau Federation, the National Association of Counties, National Cattlemen's Beef Association, the National Water Resources Association, the American Forest Resource Council, the American Loggers Association, Public Power Council, and National Association of Conservation Districts.

Following House passage of H.R. 4315, the Natural Resources Committee held a hearing on six additional pieces of legislation aimed at updating and improving the ESA. The September 9, 2014 legislative hearing included:

- H.R. 1314 (Flores) To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to establish a procedure for approval of certain settlements,
- H.R. 1927 (Costa), *More Water and Security for Californians Act*,
- H.R. 4256 (Stewart), *Endangered Species Improvement Act of 2014*,
- H.R. 4284 (Neugebauer), *ESA Improvement Act of 2014*,
- H.R. 4319 (Crawford), *Common Sense in Species Protection Act of 2014*, and
- H.R. 4866 (Mullin), *Lesser Prairie Chicken Voluntary Recovery Act of 2014*

The Full Committee has also conducted extensive oversight of the Interior Department's actions and decisions regarding potential listings under the Act.

In July 2014, Chairman Hastings and House Agriculture Committee Chairman Frank Lucas (OK-03) sent a letter to Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack asking for a copy of a report, as required by law, on the cost and effectiveness of the Department's conservation measures for the lesser prairie chicken, which the Department has proposed to list as a threatened species.

Members have highlighted ongoing concerns this Congress with the Department's potential future listing of the Greater Sage Grouse. Specifically with the Department's closed-door and seemingly selective process for evaluating relevant data and science, and failure to adequately coordinate with affected states that are developing their own data and conservation efforts to avoid the need for a listing.

Chairman Hastings also issued a subpoena this Congress to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service seeking documents surrounding the process and science behind the decision to list the White Bluffs bladderpod as a threatened species under the ESA. The subpoena

issued after the FWS failed to comply with multiple requests for documents.

Committee staff released a report on the independence and accountability of the peer review process in recent ESA listing decisions. The report found numerous examples of potential bias and conflicts of interests with the peer reviewers and a lack of transparency and consistency in the peer review process.

A field hearing in Batesville, Arkansas examined the comprehensive impacts of federal critical habitat designations and flaws in the current critical habitat proposals for the Neosho mucket and Rabbitsfoot mussel. Another field hearing was held in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania on the potential listing of the Northern Long-Eared Bat and the economic impacts of a potential ESA listing.

Strengthening & Improving our Nation's Fisheries

In May 2014, the Full Committee approved H.R. 4742, the *Strengthening Fishing Communities and Increasing Flexibility in Fisheries Management Act*. This legislation would renew and amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (last reauthorized in 2006 and expired in 2013), which governs the recreational and commercial harvest of fisheries in Federal waters.

The bill strengthens and improves the law through common sense reforms that increase management flexibility, increase the ability to base management decisions on science, ensure greater government transparency for those affected by management decisions, promote responsible fishing while preventing overfishing, improve fisheries data collection, and provide predictability and certainty for fishermen and local communities whose economic livelihoods depend on fishing.

Strengthening and improving the Magnuson-Stevens Act is necessary to protect American jobs and local economies. According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the U.S. seafood industry supports approximately 1.3 million full and part-time jobs in the U.S. and commercial and recreational fishing adds hundreds of billions of dollars to our economy. Updating this important statute will provide increased management flexibility and economic certainty for those who depend on the Nation's fishery resources while maintaining a transparent and science-based management system.

Since 2011, the Committee has held ten hearings concerning the reauthorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Act and heard from almost 100 witnesses who offered suggestions on how this Act can be improved. H.R. 4742 is the culmination of all these recommendations, in addition to recommendations that came as a result of a number of independent reports and conferences, that will ultimately strengthen and improve the Magnuson-Stevens Act to ensure that there is a proper balance between the biological needs of fish and the economic needs of fishermen.

Supporting Local Projects and Economic Growth

This Congress, the House passed 103 bills under suspension of the rules that help support local economic development and job growth in communities across the country.

The House also approved, the *Natural Defense Authorization Act of 2015*, which included a bipartisan agreement on provisions under the jurisdiction of the House Natural Resources Committee and the Senate Energy & Natural Resources Committee.

This agreement represents a balanced approach to public lands management. It will create thousands of new jobs, support energy and mineral production, transfer land out of federal ownership, and protect treasured lands through the establishment of several locally supported parks and wilderness areas.

Highlights of this agreement include opening the world's third largest undeveloped copper resource in Arizona; boosting American energy production on federal lands by reducing bureaucratic permit processing delays; reducing grazing permit backlogs; and increasing private funding of National Parks.

The agreement designates less than 250,000 acres of wilderness. The designations protect private property and are balanced with economic development opportunities on other public lands. For example, the agreement provides for over 110,000 acres of land to be conveyed out of federal ownership to be utilized for economic and community development. It also releases approximately 26,000 acres of current wilderness study areas.

OVERSIGHT

The Committee took seriously its responsibility to conduct oversight of the Executive Branch and examined numerous Obama Administration policies, regulations, and actions. Through investigations and oversight hearings, the Committee sought answers from the Administration on behalf of the American people and promoted accountability and transparency.

Obama Administration's Efforts To Rewrite Regulations on Coal Production

This Congress, the Committee continued to conduct oversight into the Obama Administration's spending and actions to rewrite a 2008 coal production regulation, the Stream Buffer Zone Rule, that took over five years of environmental analysis and careful scientific consideration to complete. This new rulemaking is the result of a litigation settlement the Obama Administration entered into with environmental groups. Approximately \$10 million has been spent to date and the original contractor hired to help conduct an economic analysis for the revised rule was let go after job loss estimates were made public. Six years have passed, and a revised rule has yet to be proposed.

In December 2013 the Department of the Interior's Office of Inspector General (OIG) released a report on the Department's rulemaking process. The OIG report confirmed the findings of the Committee's Majority staff's oversight efforts and exposed mismanagement of the rulemaking process and significant on-going problems. Yet, key parts of the report have been redacted, including one section entitled "Issues with the New Contract." The Committee has made multiple requests for this unredacted report and documents, including the issuance of a subpoena, and held two hearings with OIG officials in order to learn what the issues are with the new contract. The OIG refuses to comply with the Committee's subpoena and says that the unredacted report and related OIG docu-

ments are being withheld at the request of the Interior Department.

Retroactive Sequester Cuts To Secure Rural Schools Payments

The Committee conducted oversight into the Obama Administration's decision to retroactively subject Secure Rural Schools (SRS) payments to sequestration cuts. On March 19, 2013, the Obama Administration demanded repayment of \$17.9 million in FY 2012 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.

After months of stonewalling by the Administration and multiple attempts by the Committee to get answers about these retroactive cuts, subpoenas were issued to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Office of Management and Budget for documents.

The Committee released a Majority oversight staff report in January 2014 detailing information uncovered during the Committee's ongoing investigation into the matter. The report found that USDA attorneys who questioned the legal authority for the sequester decision were overruled and that the White House ordered the sequestration cuts for the SRS program. The report also found that Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack decided to apply the cuts so all states receiving SRS money felt the pain of sequestration. At a Committee hearing in January 2014, a senior Obama Administration official confirmed the findings outlined in the staff report and admitted the Administration was considering withholding the sequestered amount from FY 2013 payments for states that did not repay the funds. However, after objections were raised by Chairman Hastings and other bipartisan Members of Congress, the Administration agreed it would make the payments in full.

The National Park Service's Implementation of the Government Shutdown

During President Obama's government shutdown in October 2013, 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.

Department of the Interior's Ethics Office

For the past two years 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. In September 2014 Committee Majority oversight staff released a report entitled "*Ethics Under Review: An Oversight Investigation into the Department of the Interior's Ethics Program and How Recusals are Managed for Senior Officials.*" The

report identifies weaknesses in how the Department of the Interior manages its ethics program, including the timeliness of its review of financial disclosure forms and its advice about recusals to political appointees.

Department of the Interior's Office of Inspector General

The Committee in February 2013 released a Majority oversight staff report documenting how the Department of the Interior's OIG has not been an independent watchdog for Congress and the American taxpayer. Instead, under Deputy Inspector General Mary Kendall, the OIG has had a more cooperative approach for working with the Department and its political appointees and senior management. Ms. Kendall has led the OIG on a temporary basis since 2009.

The Committee Majority staff report, entitled "*Holding the Interior Watchdog Accountable*," details mismanagement by Ms. Kendall while overseeing the OIG. 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 OIG investigations and operations; serving in an appointed policy role in conflict with the OIG'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 be nominated to become the permanent Inspector General while administering the OIG's oversight role in a manner that was privately accommodating to senior Department officials and the Obama Administration compared to the OIG's more assertive style in past Administrations. In a February 2013 letter, Chairman Hastings called on President Obama to nominate a permanent Inspector General without delay. Instead, the Obama Administration has allowed Ms. Kendall to remain as head of the Department's OIG.

Enforcement of the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act & the Migratory Bird Treaty Act

This Congress the Committee conducted oversight into the enforcement policies and practices of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and the Department of Justice concerning the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (BGEPA) and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA). The Committee has been reviewing the Obama Administration's policies for enforcing these historic laws in order to understand their impact on current and future domestic energy.

There are ongoing concerns that the Obama Administration is implementing these wildlife laws in an arbitrary fashion. Despite the strict liability requirements of these laws, the Administration has prosecuted only select violations of the BGEPA and MBTA. A subpoena was issued for documents about the Administration's development of policies and regulations implementing these laws, as well as information about closed enforcement cases.

ESA Peer Review Process

In 2014 the Committee issued a report on the independence and accountability of the peer review process in recent Endangered Species Act listing decisions. The report entitled, “*Under the Microscope: An examination of the questionable science and lack of independent peer review in Endangered Species Act listing decisions*” studies the federal government’s peer review process for 13 different ESA listing decisions made by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service since July 2013.

The report found numerous examples of potential bias and conflicts of interests with the peer reviewers and a lack of transparency and consistency in the peer review process.

Mismanagement of the Eisenhower Memorial Design Process

The Committee continued its oversight this Congress on the Eisenhower Memorial Commission’s activities and the process for designing the Memorial. Numerous concerns have been raised about the Memorial, including by the Eisenhower Family, about the design selection process, the Memorial Commission’s expenses, and durability of the design.

In July 2014 Committee Majority oversight staff released a report entitled “*A Five-Star Folly: An Investigation into the Cost Increases, Construction Delays, and Design Problems That Have Been a Disservice to the Effort to Memorialize Dwight D. Eisenhower.*” The staff report details how more than \$16.4 million has been spent on the Memorial design, and another \$13.3 million on design contract management and administrative support.

ENERGY AND MINERAL RESOURCES SUBCOMMITTEE

Chaired by Rep. Doug Lamborn (CO–05), the Energy and Mineral Resources Subcommittee focused this Congress on creating jobs and strengthening our economic security by expanding and protecting access to our energy and mineral resources. The Subcommittee had several pieces of legislation signed into law, advanced numerous other bills through the House, and conducted oversight on numerous issues.

Ensuring a Reliable Domestic Helium Supply

This Congress, the Subcommittee worked to help preserve and expand our Nation’s helium supplies, prevent an impending helium shortage, and inject free market principles into the federal helium program.

Helium is essential to the high-tech manufacturing of computer chips and fiber optic cables, is used by hospitals for life-saving medical tests like MRIs, and is critical to national defense efforts. However, the closure of the Federal Helium Reserve slated for October 2013 would have created an immediate helium shortage—threatening America’s economic competitiveness and costing tens of thousands of American jobs.

To prevent this shortage, the House passed H.R. 527, the *Responsible Helium Administration Stewardship Act*, which the President signed into law (Public Law 113–40). This bipartisan bill put in place 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, and establish a fair market price for helium to ensure a fair return to the taxpayer.

Following passage of this legislation, the Subcommittee focused on ways to secure and encourage future production of domestic helium. Subcommittee Chairman Lamborn and Full Committee Chairman Doc Hastings released draft legislation, the *American Helium Security Act of 2014*, that would create a federal leasing program for helium on federal lands and ensure a secure supply of domestic helium for national defense, federal researchers, and other industries that depend on helium for their business.

Expanding Offshore Energy Production

In 2013, President Obama finalized a five-year offshore leasing plan that places over 85 percent of offshore areas off-limits to energy production and includes the lowest number of lease sales ever offered in a plan. In response, the Subcommittee has worked to advance legislation to responsibly expand offshore energy production and open new areas.

H.R. 2231, the *Offshore Energy and Jobs Act*, passed the House with bipartisan support in June 2013. It proposes a drill-smart, job-creation plan that would require the Administration to move forward with new offshore energy production in areas containing the most oil and natural gas resources—including the Atlantic and Pacific Coasts. It also requires oil and natural gas lease sales that have been delayed or cancelled by the Obama Administration to be held, including offshore Virginia, and implements a fair, equitable revenue sharing program for all coastal states. The bill also implements reforms to allow for the robust and safe production of our Nation's offshore energy resources. This legislation would generate \$1.5 billion in new revenue over ten years according to the Congressional Budget Office and could create up to 1.2 million jobs long-term.

The Subcommittee also advanced legislation to open new areas in the Gulf of Mexico along the U.S.-Mexico maritime border. H.R. 1613, the *Outer Continental Shelf Transboundary Hydrocarbon Agreements Authorization Act*, enacts 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. According to the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management and the U.S. State Department, these areas are estimated to contain 172 million barrels of oil and 304 billion cubic feet of natural gas.

Expanding Onshore Energy Production

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:

- H.R. 1965, *Federal Lands Jobs and Energy Security Act*—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.

- H.R. 1394, *Planning for American Energy Act*—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.
- H.R. 1964, *National Petroleum Reserve Alaska Access Act*—This bill would cut through bureaucratic red tape to unlock the full potential of energy resources in the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska (NPR-A).
- H.R. 555, *BLM Live Internet Auctions Act*—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.
- H.R. 1548, *Native American Energy Act*—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 also held numerous oversight and legislative hearings on the Interior Department’s proposed regulations of hydraulic fracturing on federal and tribal lands. The Obama Administration’s proposed federal regulations on hydraulic fracturing would cost American jobs, decrease American energy production, increase energy prices, and harm economic growth. According to a study by John Dunham & Associates, the proposed regulation would cost at least \$345 million annually.

In November 2013, the House passed H.R. 2728, the *Protecting States’ Rights to Promote American Energy Security Act*. 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.

In December 2014, as part of the National Defense Authorization Act, the House approved (and the President signed into law) legislation to boost new energy production on federal lands and reduce permit delays by extending a successful pilot program that helps the BLM deal with a backlog of drilling permit applications.

Protecting U.S. Coal & Mineral Production

The Subcommittee also worked to ensure a reliable supply of critical minerals and protect U.S. coal production.

The House passed H.R. 761, the *National Strategic and Critical Minerals Production Act*, 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.

In November 2013, the House passed legislation to stop the Obama Administration from imposing job-destroying coal regulations. H.R. 2824, the *Preventing Government Waste and Protecting Coal Mining Jobs in America Act* would save American jobs and taxpayer dollars by preventing the Obama Administration from imposing their rewrite of the 2008 Steam Buffer Zone Rule, which would cost 7,000 jobs.

The National Defense Authorization Act also included the *South-east Arizona Land Exchange and Conservation Act*. Sponsored by

Rep. Paul Gosar (AZ-04) it will open up the third largest undeveloped copper resource in the world supporting nearly 3,700 American jobs and producing enough copper to meet 25 percent of current U.S. demand.

Promoting American Energy Jobs

Throughout this past year, the Committee held a series of hearings on economic opportunities surrounding America's energy renaissance. It's estimated that energy production provides for nearly 10 million American jobs.

At these hearings, witnesses offered expert testimony on the positive impacts that America's energy renaissance is having on veterans, women and minorities, states and localities, education, American manufacturing, innovation, and skilled trades workers.

One hearing featured testimony from Mike Rowe, former host of Discovery's *"Dirty Jobs"* and current host of CNN's *"Somebody's Gotta Do It."* Rowe underscored the importance of skilled trades and left the Committee with one resounding message, *"Work Hard AND Smart."*

FISHERIES, WILDLIFE, OCEANS AND INSULAR AFFAIRS SUBCOMMITTEE

Chaired by Rep. John Fleming (LA-04), the Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs focused this Congress on promoting responsible management and conservation of our resources as well as economic development and fiscal responsibility in insular areas.

Protecting Access to our Oceans

The Committee continued to conduct thorough oversight this Congress over President Obama's plan to unilaterally implement a new National Ocean Policy and mandatory ocean zoning. Established through Executive Order 13547, 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 Committee examined how this initiative has been funded, the breadth of its reach, and the impacts it will have on jobs, our economy, and energy security.

Moving forward with plans for ocean zoning, the President in September 2014 announced he was unilaterally expanding the Pacific Remote Islands Marine Monument under the Antiquities Act. This expansion was not based on science, was not developed in a transparent manner, ignored adverse economic impacts, and was done unilaterally with the stroke of a pen despite the concerns of many in the region. This action could have grave economic consequences, further erode the U.S. seafood industry and harm the well-being of the U.S. territories. Legislation introduced by Rep. Steve Southerland (FL-02), H.R. 4988, the *Marine Access and State Transparency Act*, would require Congressional approval of any marine monument designated under the Antiquities Act and require the consent of any affected Governors.

Oversight of National Wildlife Refuge System

The Subcommittee conducted extensive oversight into the National Wildlife Refuge System, which 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. 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. In response, the Full 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 also examined the importance of oil and natural gas production occurring in the National Wildlife Refuge System and examined the potential effects of increased regulations. The Obama Administration's Fish and Wildlife Service is contemplating a proposed rule that would require individuals and companies to obtain a permit to access subsurface minerals even though they already have the rights to the minerals while requiring companies to obtain a bond to produce energy on their own lands.

Protecting Private Property

In December the House passed H.R. 3572, to revise the boundaries of the Coastal Barrier Resources System. The bill would provide relief to homeowners by removing 156 acres of private property in Florida, North Carolina, Rhode Island, and South Carolina that were mistakenly included within the system due to inaccuracies of hand drawn maps.

Examining Harmful Government Regulations and Red-Tape

The Subcommittee this Congress continued to carefully examine the Lacey Act, a law first intended to protect native flora and fauna by banning the interstate transportation and sale of illegally obtained animal and plant products. However, since its enactment in 1900, the Lacey Act has been amended several times including expansions to include foreign laws, fish, and the importation and sale of 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. Specifically, the Subcommittee held a hearing 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 held a hearing on the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's decision to establish a ban on the sale of elephant ivory, to suspend sport hunted trophies from two African countries, and to arbitrarily limit the number of sport hunted trophies that Americans can legally import from the United States.

Supporting U.S. Territories & Insular Areas

The Full Committee this Congress moved several pieces of legislation to support our U.S. territories and insular areas.

- H.R. 573 would 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 Public Law 113–34.
- H.R. 4402 would give the Secretary of the Navy the authority to establish a surface danger zone over the Guam National Wildlife Refuge to support training and operations of the live-fire training range complex adjacent to the refuge on the Northwest Field at Andersen Air Force Base.
- H.R. 4296 would amend the U.S.-Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Covenant to continue existing provisions of law connected to the CNMI-only foreign worker program authorized under the Consolidated Natural Resources Act.
- H.R. 85 would create the Office of Chief Financial Officer of the Government of the Virgin Islands.

The Subcommittee also held an oversight hearing on the United States Government Accountability Office's September 2013 Report—*Compact of Free Association Micronesia and the Marshall Islands Continue to Face Challenges Measuring Progress and Ensuring Accountability* (GAO–13–675). The U.S. Compact of Free Association with the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) and the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) went into full effect in 1986. The Subcommittee heard testimony from the FSM, RMI and the Office of Insular Affairs.

GAO made the following conclusions in the report: at the 10-year mark, halfway through the compact funding period the FSM and the RMI must plan for reduced annual funding grants, resolve accountability issues, complete annual decrement plans, and determine new revenue sources to replace compact funding in 2023. GAO also mentioned that the FSM and the RMI single audits continue to identify long-standing and recurring findings, which if addressed, could allow both countries to more effectively use U.S. resources and diminish potential losses due to waste, fraud and abuse.

Indian and Alaska Native Affairs Subcommittee

Chaired by Rep. Don Young of Alaska, the Subcommittee focused this Congress on promoting job creation and economic growth on Tribal and Alaska Native lands.

Tribal Energy & Economic Growth

The Subcommittee held multiple hearings on the development of tribal 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 2013, the House passed H.R. 1965, the *Federal Lands Jobs and Energy Security Act*. This bill included language from the *Native American Energy Act*, introduced by Subcommittee Chairman Young, which would 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 in 2013, 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 rule-making process on hydraulic fracturing and that the proposed rule could greatly impede Tribes' ability to develop their own energy resources.

The Subcommittee also 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.

Tribal Forest Management

During the 113th Congress, the Committee also held an oversight hearing to examine the successful model of forest management used by tribes throughout the country.

Over the last two decades, federal regulations and environmental lawsuits have caused the rapid decline in timber sales across the country in federally managed forests. This lack of active federal forest management has destroyed tens of thousands of jobs, deprived rural counties of revenue, and made our National Forests increasingly susceptible to devastating wildfires and invasive species. Meanwhile, tribal forest managers continue to be more effective at using their limited resources to better protect forest health, prevent catastrophic wildfires and create jobs.

Tribal Self-Governance

The Subcommittee this Congress held a legislative hearing on H.R. 4350, the *Northern Cheyenne Lands Act* (passed by the House), and H.R. 409, the *Indian Trust Asset Reform Act*. These two bills would allow for increased tribal control of trust assets and fulfill a long-standing federal promise to the Northern Cheyenne Tribe in Montana. Witnesses at the hearing reiterated that tribes are better equipped to manage their own lands, trust assets, and mineral resources than the federal government, which has long practiced a paternalistic approach to tribal affairs resulting in high unemployment, poverty, and community health problems.

Alaskan Priorities

As part of the National Defense Authorization Act, the House passed H.R. 740, *Southeast Alaska Native Land Entitlement Finalization and Jobs Protection Act*, sponsored by Chairman Young. The bill conveys 70,075 acres of land to Sealaska, an Alaska Native corporation, as the full and final satisfaction of its remaining land entitlement under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act.

The timber lands conveyed to Sealaska will support high-wage jobs for Natives as well as non-Natives in the forest industry.

H.R. 623, the *Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium Land Transfer Act*, sponsored by Chairman Young was also enacted into Public Law 113–68. The bill provides for the transfer of certain Indian Health Service land to the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC), which administers the Service’s medical and health services for Alaska Natives. The ANTHC plans to use the property for patient housing.

Oversight of the Cobell Settlement

The Subcommittee continued to conduct oversight of the \$3.4 billion Cobell Settlement Agreement, signed into law in December 2010. Specifically, the Subcommittee examined the delays and uncertainty in the land buyback program authorized as part of the Cobell Settlement.

“The Land Buy-Back program for Tribal Nations is a \$1.9 billion provision in the Cobell settlement through which the Secretary of the Interior will purchase on a willing-seller basis fractionated Indian lands and consolidate them in tribal ownership. Fractionation is a phenomenon that has plagued Indian Country for more than a century and it is a major reason why large tracts of Indian lands are unused. Unfortunately, flaws in this program are standing in the way of jobs and economic growth on these Indian lands. In order to fix this problem, the Interior Department needs work with Tribal leaders to ensure this program is working in the best interest of everyone involved,” said Subcommittee Chairman Young at an oversight hearing.

Indian Gaming

The Subcommittee conducted oversight 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.

Child Welfare

The Subcommittee conducted oversight on whether Congressional action is needed to address systematic problems with the child welfare and justice system on the Spirit Lake Indian Reservation in North Dakota.

Over the past two years, numerous reports in state and national media have documented what the New York Times and CNN have described as “epidemic” and “rampant” child abuse, rape, and assault on the reservation. In virtually all reported cases, both the victim and offender are members of the tribe and therefore fall under the criminal and civil jurisdiction of the federal government. This hearing examined the current status of child welfare and protection services on the reservation that is publicly unknown because relevant federal and tribal agencies lack transparency.

Several federal officials considered whistleblowers by the media have alleged that child abuse problems continue on the Spirit Lake Reservation and in one instance, federal supervisors reportedly attempted to silence the whistleblowers.

NATIONAL PARKS, FORESTS AND PUBLIC LANDS SUBCOMMITTEE

Chaired by Rep. Rob Bishop (UT-01), the Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation focused this Congress on policies to ensure that America gets the full range of recreational, environmental, and economic benefits our federal lands can provide.

Protecting Public Access to Public Lands

Since taking office, President Obama has designated 13 National Monuments under the Antiquities Act, a century-old law that allows the President to unilaterally designate National Monuments without any input or involvement from the people who would be directly impacted. Since its establishment, the Antiquities Act has at times been used properly to protect some sites but it has also been misused for political purposes by presidents on both sides of the political aisle. The worst cases of abuse have occurred when the Act is used not to protect a specific antiquity but to impose rigid federal land use control over vast areas of landscape without regard to its effect on the families who live and work in the area.

In response, the House in March 2014 passed H.R. 1459, the *Ensuring Public Involvement in the Creation of National Monuments Act*, introduced by Subcommittee Chairman Bishop. This legislation would require public participation before a presidentially declared National Monument is made official under the Antiquities Act. It would guarantee the American people an opportunity to participate in the decisions that impact their communities and ensures that the designation process is transparent through the application of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

The House also passed legislation to promote and protect access to public lands. H.R. 2954, the *Public Access and Land Improvements Act*, is a bipartisan package of 10 bills to protect and promote access to lands; improve opportunities by removing red tape that stands in the way of responsible, local economic development and jobs; and encourage transparent, community-centered land management. These bills would advance important local projects that will have a direct impact on jobs and economic growth in communities throughout the country.

Restoring Active Forest Management

In 2013 the House passed legislation to renew the federal government's commitment to manage portions of our vast 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 wise management of our forests. However, 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 Forests for Healthy Communities Act*, would 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 multiple oversight hearings examining the differences between state and federal forest management. Subcommittee Members heard about 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 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.

Preventing Cabin Fee Price Spikes

The House once again passed legislation to prevent volatile price spikes for families who own cabins in our National Forests. H.R. 5476, the *Cabin Fee Act of 2014*, (included in the National Defense Authorization Act) would modify the current cabin fee formula to make it more predictable and fair.

Many cabins in our National Forests have been passed down within a family for several generations; however cabin owners have recently been faced with arbitrary, skyrocketing fees as a result of a faulty appraisal system that has allowed annual cabin fees to increase exponentially. The *Cabin Fee Act of 2014* uses a new formula for calculating fees to ensure that fees are not beyond the reach of American families.

Protecting Hunting and Fishing Rights

In February 2014, the House passed H.R. 3590, the *Sportsmen's Heritage and Recreational Enhancement Act*. This bipartisan package of eight individual bills protects the traditional rights of American sportsmen to fish and hunt, removes government roadblocks and red tape, and promotes American job creation and economic growth by supporting recreational opportunities on these federal lands. This legislation is supported by over 35 sportsmen's organizations.

Improving and Updating Federal Recreation Fees

In June 2014, the Full Committee approved H.R. 5204, the *Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Modernization Act of 2014*. The bill will help expand and improve opportunities for public recreation on federal lands by reining in and updating how the Federal agencies collect and spend Federal recreation fees authorized by the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (FLREA).

The Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act authorizes the National Park Service to impose an entrance fee while the Bureau of Land Management the U.S. Forest Service are supposed to have fees only for use of developed sites such as improved campgrounds that provide amenities. While these fees are needed to maintain and fund necessary services and improvements that enhance the public visitor experience on federal lands, the bill more clearly defines when and where such fees can be imposed and requires Con-

gressional approval any new fees or hikes in fees. The bill ensures that a minimum of 90% of fees collected are retained and used at the collection site so that recreation users are directly paying for the services used.

Eisenhower Memorial

In June 2013, 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. The current design has little chance of ever being completed due to its controversial and unpopular design, runaway cost, flawed selection process and strong objections from members of the Eisenhower family who are opposed to the current extravagant and inappropriate design.

WATER AND POWER SUBCOMMITTEE

Chaired by Rep. Tom McClintock (CA-04) the Subcommittee on Water and Power worked successfully this Congress to promote new domestic water and energy supply projects, protect existing supplies, and provide thorough oversight and review of federal regulations and proposals that threaten American jobs, water and electricity rates, and economic growth.

Promoting New Hydropower

This Congress, several bills to expand development of clean, renewable hydropower became public law. Hydropower is one of the cheapest and cleanest forms of electricity. Expanding development will help lower energy costs for American families and small businesses while protecting the environment.

- H.R. 678, the *Bureau of Reclamation Small Conduit Hydropower Development and Rural Jobs Act*, was passed by the House in August 2013 and 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 mega-watts of hydropower at no cost to taxpayers and will create revenue for local power providers and the federal government.

- H.R. 1963, the *Bureau of Reclamation Conduit Hydropower Development Equity and Jobs Act*, was approved by the House in December 2013 and included in the National Defense Authorization Act. President Obama is expected to sign the latter into law. Authored by Rep. Steve Daines (MT-At Large), the bill removes outdated federal statutory barriers to conduit hydropower development at eleven Bureau of Reclamation projects in the intermountain west.

- H.R. 2640, *Central Oregon Jobs and Water Security Act*, by Rep. Greg Walden (OR-02) was also passed by the House numerous times, with the most recent being on December 11, 2014 after productive negotiations with the Senate. The President is expected to sign this bill into law. It would effectively allow hydropower development at the Bureau of Reclamation's Bowman Dam by mak-

ing a common sense Wild and Scenic administrative boundary change.

- H.R. 254, *Bonneville Unit Clean Hydropower Facilitation Act*, authored by Rep. Jason Chaffetz (UT-03) also passed the House and was signed into law by the President (P.L. 113-20) in 2013. The law facilitates hydropower production at specific federal facilities.

Restoring California Water Supplies

In February 2014 the House passed H.R. 3964, the *Sacramento—San Joaquin Valley Emergency Water Delivery Act*. This bipartisan legislation, sponsored by the entire Republican California delegation, addresses the emergency drought in California by restoring some water supplies to provide job certainty to farmers and communities.

It would codify the historic, bipartisan State/Federal agreement known as the “Bay-Delta Accord;” reform punitive federal laws to in order to provide fairness to ratepayers, promote transparency and accountability, and save taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars; allow water users to pay off federal debt early; and protect private property and senior water rights.

In December 2014, the House passed H.R. 5781, the *California Emergency Drought Relief Act of 2014*. The bill, sponsored by Reps. David G. Valadao (CA-21) and cosponsored by Kevin McCarthy (CA-23), Ken Calvert (CA-42), Doug LaMalfa (CA-01), Tom McClintock (CA-04), and Devin Nunes (CA-22), would provide short-term, emergency relief to the drought that’s hurting California’s communities and causing negative economic impacts nationwide.

Promoting New Water Storage

This Congress the Committee approved with bipartisan support two bills to address the nation’s critical need for new and expanded surface water storage projects. These bills will update and improve the process for studying, permitting and potentially constructing federal and non-federal surface water storage projects that could provide new water for human consumption, hydropower generation, recreation and fisheries needs, among other things. Additional surface storage will capture more water to help overcome severe drought in areas like California.

H.R. 3980, the *Water Supply Permitting Coordinating Act*, sponsored by Subcommittee Chairman Tom McClintock (CA-04) and Rep. Cynthia Lummis (WY-At Large), sets up a “one-stop-shop” permitting approach that would require federal agencies to work together and coordinate their permits and approvals for surface storage projects in certain circumstances.

The Committee also passed H.R. 5412, the *Bureau of Reclamation Surface Water Storage Streamlining Act*. Introduced by House Natural Resources Committee Chairman Doc Hastings, the bill streamlines the Bureau of Reclamation’s environmental planning and study process for new surface water storage projects. The Family Farm Alliance and the National Water Resources Association have endorsed the bill.

Oversight of Federal Regulations

The Subcommittee this Congress conducted oversight on several proposed rules and regulations by the Obama Administration that would destroy American jobs and impose new, severe water and land use restrictions.

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 even with very little local community involvement and questionable legal authority.

In June 2013 Chairman Hastings sent a letter asking 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. The following month the Subcommittee held an oversight hearing on the Blueways program with a host of affected citizens and later 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. In response to the public concern and objections raised, Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell eventually announced that she had "paused" the Blueways program.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on the proposed Environmental Protection Agency's "Waters of the U.S." regulations and the U.S. Forest Service's Groundwater Directive. The Subcommittee heard testimony on how these Obama Administration proposals override state water law and undermine property rights and multiple uses on federal and non-federal lands.

Power Marketing Administrations

The Subcommittee held multiple hearings this Congress to discuss the challenges and priorities of the Power Marketing Administrations. It examined the spending priorities outlined in the President's budget requests for the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation), the four Power Marketing Administrations (PMAs), and the U.S. Geological Survey's Water Program and 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.

It also held an oversight hearing focused on 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.

Maintaining Electricity Rights-of-Way

This Congress, the Subcommittee also examined the need for improved management and better communication with electricity providers on electricity rights of way on federal lands so that falling, dead, insect-infested or even growing trees do not hit power lines. Such contact can cause electricity blackouts and catastrophic fires.

Electricity rights of way (ROW) or electricity corridors are less than a fraction of a percent of overall federal lands, yet the consequences from not effectively managing the ROW and power line corridors can be significant and catastrophic. When a ROW is not properly maintained, a tree can grow into or fall on to a power line, causing fires and electricity blackouts. The major blackout in 2003 in the Northeast which included New York City was caused by a falling tree in a ROW and left 50 million people in the dark. A similar blackout impacted a number of western states and millions of electricity customers in 1996.

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	712
Total number of meeting days:	
Full Committee	(55)
Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources	(36)
Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs	(23)
Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs	(15)
Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation	(36)
Subcommittee on Water and Power	(16)
Total	181
Total number of bills ordered reported from Committee	218
Total number of reports filed	208
Total number of bills referred to/discharged by Committee on Natural Resources and passed by the House of Representatives	128
Total number of public laws	56
Total number of bills enacted into law	153

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 Gettys-

burg 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 Inte-

rior 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.

January 16, 2014—Business meeting held to consider a motion to authorize the Chairman to issue subpoenas for the production of documents and to issue subpoenas to individuals to appear before the Committee on Natural Resources on matters within the Committee's jurisdiction.

January 28, 2014—Markup 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. 433, To designate the Pine Forest Range Wilderness area in Humboldt County, Nevada; 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. 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. 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; and Committee Print 113-1, the "Northern Nevada Land Conservation and Economic Development Act."

February 4, 2014—Hearing held on Legislative Discussion Draft, "H.R. _____, Strengthening Fishing Communities and Increasing Flexibility in Fisheries Management Act". (Part 1)

February 27, 2014—Markup 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. 1259, To establish Coltsville National Historical Park in the State of Connecticut, and for other purposes; H.R. 3110, To allow for the harvest of gull eggs by the Huna Tlingit people within Glacier Bay National Park in the State of Alaska; and H.R. 3605, To make a technical amendment to the T'uf Shur Bien Preservation Trust Area Act, and for other purposes.

February 28, 2014—Hearing held on Legislative Discussion Draft “H.R. _____, Strengthening Fishing Communities and Increasing Flexibility in Fisheries Management Act.” (Part 2)

March 13, 2014—Markup held on H.R. 1192, To redesignate Mammoth Peak in Yosemite National Park as “Mount Jessie Benton Frémont”; H.R. 1501, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating the Prison Ship Martyrs’ Monument in Fort Greene Park, in the New York City borough of Brooklyn, as a unit of the National Park System; H.R. 3222, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of sites associated with the 1657 signing of the Flushing Remonstrance in Queens, New York, and for other purposes; H.R. 3366, To provide for the release of the property interests retained by the United States in certain land conveyed in 1954 by the United States, acting through the Director of the Bureau of Land Management, to the State of Oregon for the establishment of the Hermiston Agricultural Research and Extension Center of Oregon State University in Hermiston, Oregon; and H.R. 4032, To exempt from Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 certain water transfers by the North Texas Municipal Water District and the Greater Texoma Utility Authority, and for other purposes.

April 8, 2014—Hearing held on H.R. 4315, To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require publication on the Internet of the basis for determinations that species are endangered species or threatened species, and for other purposes; H.R. 4316, To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to improve the disclosure of certain expenditures under that Act, and for other purposes; H.R. 4317, To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require disclosure to States of the basis of determinations under such Act, to ensure use of information provided by State, tribal, and county governments in decisionmaking under such Act, and for other purposes; and H.R. 4318, To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to conform citizen suits under that Act with other existing law, and for other purposes.

April 9, 2014—Markup held on H.R. 503, To authorize the National Desert Storm Memorial Association to establish the National Desert Storm and Desert Shield Memorial as a commemorative work in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes; H.R. 863, To establish the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Women’s History Museum, and for other purposes; 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. 2430, To adjust the boundaries of Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park to include Hinchliffe Stadium, and for other purposes; H.R. 3802, To extend the legislative authority of the Adams Memorial Foundation to establish a commemorative

work in honor of former President John Adams and his legacy, and for other purposes; H.R. 4002, To revoke the charter of incorporation of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma at the request of that tribe, and for other purposes; H.R. 4017, To designate a peak located in Nevada as “Mount Reagan”; H.R. 4120, To amend the National Law Enforcement Museum Act to extend the termination date; H.R. 4253, To permanently withdraw, reserve, and transfer Bureau of Land Management lands used for military purposes in Alaska, Nevada, and New Mexico to the appropriate Secretary of the military department concerned; and H.R. 4309, To amend the Sikes Act to make certain improvements to the administration of cooperative agreements for land management related to Department of Defense readiness activities, and for other purposes.

April 30, 2014—Markup held on H.R. 4315, To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require publication on the Internet of the basis for determinations that species are endangered species or threatened species, and for other purposes; H.R. 4316, To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to improve the disclosure of certain expenditures under that Act, and for other purposes; H.R. 4317, To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require disclosure to States of the basis of determinations under such Act, to ensure use of information provided by State, tribal, and county governments in decisionmaking under such Act, and for other purposes; and H.R. 4318, To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to conform citizen suits under that Act with other existing law, and for other purposes.

May 8, 2014—Markup held on H.R. 3687, To amend the National Historic Preservation Act to provide that if the head of the agency managing Federal property objects to the inclusion of certain property on the National Register or its designation as a National Historic Landmark for reasons of national security, the Federal property shall be neither included nor designated until the objection is withdrawn, and for other purposes; and H.R. 4458, To make permanent the withdrawal and reservation of public land previously withdrawn and reserved to support the operations of Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake, California, and to provide for the withdrawal and reservation of additional public land.

May 21, 2014—Markup held on H.R. 4402, To authorize the Secretary of the Navy to establish a surface danger zone over the Guam National Wildlife Refuge or any portion thereof to support the operation of a live-fire training range complex.

May 29, 2014—Markup held on H.R. 2175, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to install in the area of the World War II Memorial in the District of Columbia a suitable plaque or an inscription with the words that President Franklin D. Roosevelt prayed with the United States on June 6, 1944, the morning of D-Day; H.R. 2569, To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Missisquoi River and the Trout River in the State of Vermont, as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System; H.R. 3606, To permit certain activities to be conducted on Federal land within the Emigrant Wilderness of Stanislaus National Forest in the State of California at the level at which such activities were conducted on such land before the wilderness designation, and for other purposes; H.R. 4296, To amend Public Law 94–241 with respect to the Northern Mariana Islands; H.R. 4350,

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to take lands and mineral rights on the reservation of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe of Montana and other culturally important lands into trust, and for other purposes; and H.R. 4742, To improve and strengthen many provisions of the current Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act.

June 19, 2014—Markup held on H.R. 2455, To provide for the sale or transfer of certain Federal lands in Nevada, and for other purposes; H.R. 3716, To ratify a water settlement agreement affecting the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, and for other purposes; H.R. 4049, To amend the Act to provide for the establishment of the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore in the State of Wisconsin, and for other purposes, to adjust the boundary of that National Lakeshore to include the lighthouse known as Ashland Harbor Breakwater Light, and for other purposes; H.R. 4283, To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to maintain or replace certain facilities and structures for commercial recreation services at Smith Gulch in Idaho, and for other purposes; H.R. 4489, To designate memorials to the service of members of the United States Armed Forces in World War I, and for other purposes; H.R. 4508, To amend the East Bench Irrigation District Water Contract Extension Act to permit the Secretary of the Interior to extend the contract for certain water services; H.R. 4527, To remove a use restriction on land formerly a part of Acadia National Park that was transferred to the town of Tremont, Maine, and for other purposes; H.R. 4562, To authorize early repayment of obligations to the Bureau of Reclamation within the Northport Irrigation District in the State of Nebraska; and H.R. 4873, To modify the Forest Service Recreation Residence Program as the program applies to units of the National Forest System derived from the public domain by implementing a simple, equitable, and predictable procedure for determining cabin user fees, and for other purposes.

July 16, 2014—Markup held on H.R. 277, To revise the boundaries of John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Sachuest Point Unit RI-04P, Easton Beach Unit RI-05P, Almy Pond Unit RI-06, and Hazards Beach Unit RI-07 in Rhode Island; 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; H.R. 1810, To revise the boundaries of John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Gasparilla Island Unit in Florida; 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; H.R. 3572, To revise the boundaries of certain John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System units in North Carolina; H.R. 3806, To authorize payment of funds in accordance with the agreement entered into by the Tennessee Valley Authority, the State of North Carolina, Swain County, North Carolina, and the United States Department of the Interior; and H.R. 4751, To make technical corrections to Public Law 110-229 to reflect the renaming of the Bainbridge Island Japanese American Exclusion Memorial, and for other purposes.

July 30, 2014—Markup held on H.J. Res. 120, Approving the location of a memorial to commemorate the more than 5,000 slaves and free Black persons who fought for independence in the American Revolution; 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. 3006, To authorize a land exchange involving the acquisition of private land adjacent to the Cibola National Wildlife Refuge in Arizona for inclusion in the refuge in exchange for certain Bureau of Land Management lands in Riverside County, California, and for other purposes; H.R. 3109, To amend the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to exempt certain Alaskan Native articles from prohibitions against sale of items containing nonedible migratory bird parts, and for other purposes; H.R. 4119, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the West Hunter Street Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia, and for other purposes; H.R. 4182, To provide that the Ozark National Scenic Riverways shall be administered in accordance with the general management plan for that unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes; H.R. 4867, To provide for certain land to be taken into trust for the benefit of Morongo Band of Mission Indians, and for other purposes; H.R. 5026, To prohibit closing or repurposing any propagation fish hatchery or aquatic species propagation program of the Department of the Interior unless such action is expressly authorized by an Act of Congress, and for other purposes; H.R. 5069, To amend the Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Act to increase in the price of Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamps to fund the acquisition of conservation easements for migratory birds, and for other purposes; H.R. 5203, To enhance the operation of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission; H.R. 5204, To amend the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act to improve recreation opportunities and increase consistency and accountability in the collection and expenditure of recreation fees collected on public lands and forests, and for other purposes; H.R. 5205, To authorize certain land conveyances involving public lands in northern Nevada to promote economic development and conservation, and for other purposes; S. 311, A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating sites in the Lower Mississippi River Area in the State of Louisiana as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes; S. 354, A bill to modify the boundary of the Oregon Caves National Monument, and for other purposes; S. 476, A bill to amend the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Development Act to extend to the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Commission; and S. 1603, A bill to reaffirm that certain land has been taken into trust for the benefit of the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatami Indians, and for other purposes.

September 9, 2014—Hearing held on H.R. 1314, To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to establish a procedure for approval of certain settlements; H.R. 1927, To provide congressional direction for implementation of the Endangered Species Act as it relates to operation of the Central Valley Project and the California State Water Project and for water relief in the State of California; H.R. 4256, To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to re-

quire, in counting the number of a species in a State for purposes of determining whether the species is an endangered or threatened species, inclusion of the number of the species on State and private lands as determined by the State, and for other purposes; H.R. 4284, To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to encourage greater State input and authority over species and habitat management by allowing States to propose and implement State Protective Action before species are listed under that Act, and for other purposes; H.R. 4319, To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require the Secretary of the Interior to publish and make available for public comment a draft economic analysis at the time a proposed rule to designate critical habitat is published; and H.R. 4866, To reverse the Department of the Interior's listing of the lesser prairie chicken as a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, to prevent further consideration of listing of such species as a threatened species or endangered species under that Act pending implementation of the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies' Lesser Prairie-Chicken Range-Wide Conservation Plan and other conservation measures, and for other purposes.

September 18, 2014—Markup held on H.R. 69, To strengthen enforcement mechanisms to stop illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing, to amend the Tuna Conventions Act of 1950 to implement the Antigua Convention, and for other purposes; 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. 712, To extend the authorization of the Highlands Conservation Act through fiscal year 2024; H.R. 1363, To promote timely exploration for geothermal resources under existing geothermal leases, and for other purposes; H.R. 1839, To designate certain Federal land in the San Juan National Forest in the State of Colorado as wilderness, and for other purposes; H.R. 3226, To remove from the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System certain properties in South Carolina; H.R. 3227, To remove from the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System certain properties in South Carolina; H.R. 3326, To provide for an exchange of land between the United States and the Trinity Public Utilities District of Trinity County, California, involving a parcel of National Forest System land in Shasta-Trinity National Forest; H.R. 3608, To amend the Act of October 19, 1973, concerning taxable income to members of the Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians; H.R. 3980, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to coordinate Federal and State permitting processes related to the construction of new surface water storage projects on lands under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture and to designate the Bureau of Reclamation as the lead agency for permit processing, and for other purposes; H.R. 3981, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to allow for prepayment of repayment contracts between the United States and water users, to provide surface water storage enhancement, and for other purposes; H.R. 4166, To transfer recreational management authority for Lake Berryessa in the State of California from the Bureau of Reclamation to the Bureau of Land Management, and for other purposes; H.R. 4534, To amend the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act to require background checks before foster care placements are ordered in tribal court proceedings,

and for other purposes; H.R. 4846, To adjust the boundary of the Arapaho National Forest, Colorado, and for other purposes; H.R. 5003, To adjust the boundary of the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park to include the Wallis House and Harriston Hill, and for other purposes; H.R. 5040, To require the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to Idaho County in the State of Idaho, and for other purposes; H.R. 5049, To exchange trust and fee land to resolve land disputes created by the realignment of the Blackfoot River along the boundary of the Fort Hall Indian Reservation, and for other purposes; H.R. 5050, To repeal the Act of May 31, 1918, and for other purposes; H.R. 5139, To correct the boundaries of the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Unit P16; H.R. 5162, To amend the Act entitled “An Act to allow a certain parcel of land in Rockingham County, Virginia, to be used for a child care center” to remove the use restriction, and for other purposes; H.R. 5167, To direct the Administrator of General Services, on behalf of the Secretary of the Interior, to convey certain Federal property located in the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska to the Olgoonik Corporation, an Alaska Native Corporation established under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act; H.R. 5412, To facilitate and streamline the Bureau of Reclamation process for creating or expanding surface water storage under Reclamation law; H.R. 5476, To modify the Forest Service Recreation Residence Program as the program applies to units of the National Forest System derived from the public domain by implementing a simple, equitable, and predictable procedure for determining cabin user fees, and for other purposes; S. 363, A bill to expand geothermal production, and for other purposes; and S. 609, A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land in San Juan County, New Mexico, and for other purposes.

November 19, 2014—Markup held on H.R. 1561, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to make improvements to support facilities for National Historic Sites operated by the National Park Service, and for other purposes; H.R. 1785, To establish the Mountains to Sound Greenway National Heritage Area in the State of Washington, and for other purposes; H.R. 4220, To authorize the exchange of certain Federal land and non-Federal land in the State of Minnesota; H.R. 4668, To provide for the retention and future use of certain land on Point Spencer in Alaska, to support the statutory missions and duties of the Coast Guard, to convey certain land on Point Spencer to the Bering Straits Native Corporation, to convey certain land on Point Spencer to the State of Alaska, and for other purposes; H.R. 4924, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to enter into the Big Sandy River-Planet Ranch Water Rights Settlement Agreement and the Hualapai Tribe Bill Williams River Water Rights Settlement Agreement, to provide for the lease of certain land located within Planet Ranch on the Bill Williams River in the State of Arizona to benefit the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program, and to provide for the settlement of specific water rights claims in the Bill Williams River watershed in the State of Arizona; H.R. 4979, To provide legal certainty to property owners along the Red River in Texas, and for other purposes; H.R. 5086, To amend the National Trails System Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on the feasi-

bility of designating the Chief Standing Bear National Historic Trail, and for other purposes; H.R. 5176, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to retire coal preference right lease applications for which the Secretary has made an affirmative commercial quantities determination, and for other purposes; and H.R. 5699, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire approximately 44 acres of land in Martinez, California, 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.”

January 9, 2014—Oversight hearing on “Obama Administration’s War on Coal: The Recent Report by the Office of the Inspector General.”

January 14, 2014—Oversight hearing on “Oversight of the Obama Administration’s Questionable Application of Sequestration to the Secure Rural Schools Program and the Costs to States, Local Economies, and Rural School Children.”

March 19, 2014—Oversight field hearing in Fresno, California, on “California Water Crisis and Its Impacts: The Need for Immediate and Long-Term Solutions.”

March 26, 2014—Oversight hearing on “Collision Course: Oversight of the Obama Administration’s Enforcement Approach for America’s Wildlife Laws and Its Impact on Domestic Energy.”

April 3, 2014—Oversight hearing on “Department of the Interior Spending and the President’s Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Proposal.”

April 10, 2014—Oversight hearing on “Tribal Forest Management: A Model for Promoting Healthy Forests and Rural Jobs.”

April 29, 2014—Oversight hearing on “American Energy Jobs: Opportunities for Skilled Trades Workers.”

May 7, 2014—Oversight hearing on “Keeping the Lights On and Reducing Catastrophic Forest Fire Risk: Proper Management of Electricity Rights of Way on Federal Lands.”

May 14, 2014—Oversight field hearing in Batesville, Arkansas, on “Protecting the Rights of Property Owners: Proposed Federal Critical Habitat Designations Gone Wild.”

September 8, 2014—Oversight field hearing in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, on “The Northern Long Eared Bat: The Federal Endangered Species Act and Impacts of a Listing on Pennsylvania and 37 Other States”.

September 10, 2014—Oversight hearing on “The Status of the Fish and Wildlife Service’s Responses to Committee Subpoenas and the Continued Lack of Transparency about Its Implementation and Enforcement of American Wildlife Laws, and Oversight of the Department of the Interior’s Solicitor’s Office.”

September 11, 2014—Oversight hearing on “Oversight of the Office of Inspector General and its Ongoing Failure to Comply with a Subpoena for Documents about a Recent Investigation.”

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 TH.R.ee 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.

June 20, 2014—Hearing held on H.R. 1587, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to issue permits for rights-of-way, temporary easements, or other necessary authorizations to facilitate natural gas, oil, and petroleum product pipelines and related facilities on eligible Federal lands, and for other purposes; and H.R. 4293, To authorize the approval of natural gas pipelines and establish deadlines and expedite permits for certain natural gas gathering lines on Federal land and Indian land.

July 29, 2014—Hearing held on H.R. 596, To promote the development of renewable energy on public lands, and for other purposes; H.R. 1363, To promote timely exploration for geothermal resources under existing geothermal leases, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2004, To expand geothermal production, and for other purposes.

September 17, 2014—Hearing held on H.R. 5066, To reauthorize the National Geological and Geophysical Data Preservation Program Act of 2005 through 2019; and H.R. 5176, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to retire coal preference right lease applications for which the Secretary has made an affirmative commercial quantities determination, 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.” (Part 1)

March 14, 2013—Oversight hearing on “America’s Onshore Energy Resources: Creating Jobs, Securing America, and Lowering Prices.” (Part 2)

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.”

January 10, 2014—Oversight hearing on “The Science behind Discovery: Seismic Exploration and the Future of the Atlantic OCS.”

February 5, 2014—Oversight hearing on “Energy in America: BLM’s Red-Tape Run Around and its Impact on American Energy Production.”

February 26, 2014—Oversight hearing on “American Energy Jobs: Opportunities for Veterans.”

February 27, 2014—Oversight hearing on “Obama Administration Oversight: GAO Report Interior Hiring and Retention Challenges.”

March 27, 2014—Oversight hearing on “Advances in Earthquake Science: 50th Anniversary of the Great Alaskan Quake.”

April 4, 2014—Oversight hearing held on “Energy Independence: Domestic Opportunities to Reverse California’s Growing Dependence on Foreign Oil.”

April 8, 2014—Oversight hearing held on “American Energy Jobs: Opportunities for Women and Minorities.”

May 20, 2014—Oversight hearing held on “American Energy Jobs: Opportunities for American Manufacturing.”

June 10, 2014—Oversight hearing held on “Whole Lotta Shakin’: An Examination of America’s Earthquake Early Warning System Development and Implementation.”

June 12, 2014—Oversight hearing held on “American Energy Jobs: Opportunities for Innovation.”

June 18, 2014—Oversight hearing held on “American Energy Jobs: Opportunities for States and Localities.”

June 24, 2014—Oversight hearing held on “American Energy Jobs: Opportunities for Education.”

July 15, 2014—Oversight hearing held on “Implementation and Administration of the 2013 Helium Stewardship Act.”

July 23, 2014—Oversight hearing held on “American Metals and Mineral Security: An Examination of the Domestic Critical Minerals Supply and Demand Chain.”

November 19, 2014—Oversight hearing held on “Volcano Hazards: Exploring the National Preparation and Response Strategy.”

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 manage-

ment 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.

February 27, 2014—Hearing held on H.R. 3105, To amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to exempt from such Act animals accidentally included in shipments of aquatic species produced in commercial aquaculture, and for other purposes; H.R. 3280, To amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to limit the application of such Act to certain imported plants and finished plant products, and for other purposes; H.R. 3324, To amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to reduce burdensome paperwork, and for other purposes; and H.R. 4032, To exempt from Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 certain water transfers by the North Texas Municipal Water District and the Greater Texoma Utility Authority, and for other purposes.

April 3, 2014—Hearing held on Draft Legislation H.R. ____, To prevent, deter, and eliminate illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing through port State measures (“Pirate Fishing Elimination Act”); H.R. 69, To strengthen enforcement mechanisms to stop illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing, to amend the Tuna Conventions Act of 1950 to implement the Antigua Convention, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2646, To direct the Secretary of Commerce to issue a fishing capacity reduction loan to refinance the existing loan funding the Pacific Coast groundfish fishing capacity reduction program.

April 8, 2014—Hearing held on H.R. 187, To correct the boundaries of the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Unit L06, Topsail, North Carolina; H.R. 277, To revise the boundaries of John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Sachuest Point Unit RI-04P, Easton Beach Unit RI-05P, Almy Pond Unit RI-06, and Hazards Beach Unit RI-07 in Rhode Island; H.R. 1810, To revise the boundaries of John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Gasparilla Island Unit in Florida; H.R. 1811, To remove from the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System areas included in Florida System Unit P-16, and for other purposes; H.R. 2057, To remove from the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System the areas comprising Bay County Unit P-31P in Florida; H.R. 3226, To remove from the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System certain properties in South Carolina; H.R. 3227, To remove from the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System certain properties in South Carolina; H.R. 3572, To revise the boundaries of certain John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System units in North Carolina; and H.R. 4222, To correct the boundaries of John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System in Gulf County Florida, and for other purposes.

April 29, 2014—Hearing held on H.R. 4296, To amend Public Law 94-241 with respect to the Northern Mariana Islands; and H.R. 4402, To authorize the Secretary of the Navy to establish a surface danger zone over the Guam National Wildlife Refuge or any portion thereof to support the operation of a live-fire training range complex.

July 23, 2014—Hearing held on H.R. 3109, To amend the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to exempt certain Alaskan Native articles from prohibitions against sale of items containing nonedible migratory bird parts, and for other purposes; H.R. 3409, To amend the

National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 to require that any expansion of a national wildlife refuge must be expressly authorized by statute; H.R. 5026, To prohibit closing or repurposing any propagation fish hatchery or aquatic species propagation program of the Department of the Interior unless such action is expressly authorized by an Act of Congress, and for other purposes; and H.R. 5069, To amend the Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Act to increase in the price of Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamps to fund the acquisition of conservation easements for migratory birds, and for other purposes.

December 4, 2014—Hearing held on H.R. 3099, To provide for the development of a fishery management plan for the Gulf of Mexico red snapper, 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.”

January 7, 2014—Oversight hearing on the United States Government Accountability Office September 2013 Report, “Compact of Free Association Micronesia and the Marshall Islands Continue to Face Challenges Measuring Progress and Ensuring Accountability (GAO-13-675).”

March 5, 2014—Oversight hearing on “National Fish Hatchery System: Strategic Hatchery and Workforce Planning Report.”

April 29, 2014—Oversight hearing on “The Department of the Interior Office of Insular Affairs’ Spending and the President’s Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Request for the Office.”

May 20, 2014—Oversight hearing on “Oil and Gas Activities within Our Nation’s National Wildlife Refuge System.”

June 24, 2014—Oversight hearing held on the “U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s Plan to Implement a Ban on the Commercial Trade in Elephant Ivory.”

November 20, 2014—Oversight hearing held on “Is the Midway Atoll National Wildlife Refuge Being Properly Managed?”

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, California, 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.

February 5, 2014—Hearing held on H.R. 3110, To allow for the harvest of gull eggs by the Huna Tlingit people within Glacier Bay National Park in the State of Alaska; and H.R. 3605, To make a technical amendment to the T'uf Shur Bien Preservation Trust Area Act, and for other purposes.

March 14, 2014—Hearing held on a Discussion Draft legislation, H.R. ____, To authorize a demonstration program that allows for State-Federal-Tribal co-management of wildlife throughout the traditional hunting territory of the Ahtna people and for other purposes (“The Alaska Native Subsistence Co-Management Demonstration Act of 2014”).

March 27, 2014—Hearing held on H.R. 3822, To provide for the implementation of the property division regarding former Fort Wingate Depot Activity in McKinley County, New Mexico, and for other purposes; and H.R. 4002, To revoke the charter of incorporation of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma at the request of that tribe, and for other purposes.

May 7, 2014—Hearing held on H.R. 409, To provide for Indian trust asset management reform, and for other purposes; and H.R. 4350, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to take lands and mineral rights on the reservation of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe of Montana and other culturally important lands into trust, and for other purposes.

July 15, 2014—Hearing held on H.R. 3229, To amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to authorize advance appropriations for the Indian Health Service by providing 2-fiscal-year budget authority, and for other purposes; H.R. 4546, To amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to provide further self-governance by Indian tribes, and for other purposes; H.R. 4867, To provide for certain land to be taken into trust for the benefit of Morongo Band of Mission Indians, and for other purposes; and S. 1603, A bill to reaffirm that certain land has been taken into trust for the benefit of the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatami Indians, and for other purposes.

July 29, 2014—Hearing held on H.R. 3608, To amend the Act of October 19, 1973, concerning taxable income to members of the Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians; H.R. 4534, To amend the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act to require background checks before foster care placements are ordered in tribal court proceedings, and for other purposes; H.R. 5020, To amend the Indian Land Consolidation Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to contract with eligible Indian tribes to manage land buy-back programs, to authorize that certain amounts be deposited into interest bearing accounts, and for other purposes; H.R. 5049, To exchange trust and fee land to resolve land disputes created by the realignment of the Blackfoot River along the boundary of the Fort Hall Indian Reservation, and for other purposes; and H.R. 5050, To repeal the Act of May 31, 1918, and for other purposes.

September 10, 2014—Hearing held on H.R. 1600, To prescribe procedures for effective consultation and coordination by Federal agencies with federally recognized Indian tribes regarding Federal Government activities that impact tribal lands and interests to ensure that meaningful tribal input is an integral part of the Federal decisionmaking process; and H.R. 4668, To provide for the retention and future use of certain land on Point Spencer in Alaska, to support the statutory missions and duties of the Coast Guard, to convey certain land on Point Spencer to the Bering Straits Native Corporation, to convey certain land on Point Spencer to the State of Alaska, and for other purposes.

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 Implementa-

tion 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.”

April 3, 2014—Oversight hearing on “Implementing the Cobell Settlement: Missed Opportunities and Lessons Learned.”

June 24, 2014—Oversight hearing held on “Child Protection and the Justice System on the Spirit Lake Indian Reservation.”

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 Sec-

retary 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 National 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.

February 26, 2014—Hearing held on H.R. 503, To authorize the National Desert Storm Memorial Association to establish the National Desert Storm and Desert Shield Memorial as a commemorative work in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes; H.R. 712, To extend the authorization of the Highlands Conservation Act through fiscal year 2024; H.R. 1192, To redesignate Mammoth Peak in Yosemite National Park as “Mount Jessie Benton Fremont”; H.R. 1501, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating the Prison Ship Mar-

tyrs' Monument in Fort Greene Park, in the New York City borough of Brooklyn, as a unit of the National Park System; H.R. 1744, To provide for the implementation of the multispecies habitat conservation plan for the Virgin River, Nevada, and Lincoln County, Nevada, to extend the authority to purchase certain parcels of public land, and for other purposes; H.R. 2569, To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Missisquoi River and the Trout River in the State of Vermont, as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System; H.R. 3222, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of sites associated with the 1657 signing of the Flushing Remonstrance in Queens, New York, and for other purposes; H.R. 3366, To provide for the release of the property interests retained by the United States in certain land conveyed in 1954 by the United States, acting through the Director of the Bureau of Land Management, to the State of Oregon for the establishment of the Hermiston Agricultural Research and Extension Center of Oregon State University in Hermiston, Oregon; and H.R. 3802, To extend the legislative authority of the Adams Memorial Foundation to establish a commemorative work in honor of former President John Adams and his legacy, and for other purposes.

March 6, 2014—Hearing held on H.R. 414, To provide for the continued lease or eventual conveyance of certain Federal land within the boundaries of Fort Wainwright Military Reservation in Fairbanks, Alaska; H.R. 1839, To designate certain Federal land in the San Juan National Forest in the State of Colorado as wilderness, and for other purposes; H.R. 2430, To adjust the boundaries of Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park to include Hinchliffe Stadium, and for other purposes; and H.R. 3606, To permit certain activities to be conducted on Federal land within the Emigrant Wilderness of Stanislaus National Forest in the State of California at the level at which such activities were conducted on such land before the wilderness designation, and for other purposes.

March 25, 2014—Hearing held on H.R. 863, To establish the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Women's History Museum, and for other purposes; H.R. 3006, To authorize a land exchange involving the acquisition of private land adjacent to the Cibola National Wildlife Refuge in Arizona for inclusion in the refuge in exchange for certain Bureau of Land Management lands in Riverside County, California, and for other purposes; H.R. 4017, To designate a peak located in Nevada as "Mount Reagan."; H.R. 4120, To amend the National Law Enforcement Museum Act to extend the termination date; and H.R. 4253, To permanently withdraw, reserve, and transfer Bureau of Land Management lands used for military purposes in Alaska, Nevada, and New Mexico to the appropriate Secretary of the military department concerned.

April 4, 2014—Hearing held on H.R. ____, To amend the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act to improve consistency and accountability in the collection and expenditure of Federal recreation fees, and for other purposes; H.R. 2743, To make the National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass available at a discount to certain veterans; and H.R. 3976, To provide for a lifetime Na-

tional Recreational Pass for any veteran with a service-connected disability, and for other purposes.

April 29, 2014—Hearing held on H.R. 3687, To amend the National Historic Preservation Act to provide that if the head of the agency managing Federal property objects to the inclusion of certain property on the National Register or its designation as a National Historic Landmark for reasons of national security, the Federal property shall be neither included nor designated until the objection is withdrawn, and for other purposes; and H.R. 4458, To make permanent the withdrawal and reservation of public land previously withdrawn and reserved to support the operations of Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake, California, and to provide for the withdrawal and reservation of additional public land.

May 20, 2014—Hearing held on H.R. 1776, To establish the Clear Creek National Recreation Area in San Benito and Fresno Counties, to designate the Joaquin Rocks Wilderness in such counties, to designate additional components of the national wild and scenic rivers system, and for other purposes; H.R. 2175, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to install in the area of the World War II Memorial in the District of Columbia a suitable plaque or an inscription with the words that President Franklin D. Roosevelt prayed with the United States on June 6, 1944, the morning of D-Day; H.R. 2489, To modify the boundary of the Oregon Caves National Monument, and for other purposes; and H.R. 3806, To authorize payment of funds in accordance with the agreement entered into by the Tennessee Valley Authority, the State of North Carolina, Swain County, North Carolina, and the United States Department of the Interior.

June 10, 2014—Hearing held on H.R. 318, To authorize a Wall of Remembrance as part of the Korean War Veterans Memorial and to allow certain private contributions to fund that Wall of Remembrance; H.R. 4029, To require the Secretary of the Interior to transfer all Federal land, facilities, and any other assets associated with the Ozark National Scenic Riverways to the State of Missouri for the purposes of maintaining a State park, and for other purposes; H.R. 4049, To amend the Act to provide for the establishment of the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore in the State of Wisconsin, and for other purposes, to adjust the boundary of that National Lakeshore to include the lighthouse known as Ashland Harbor Breakwater Light, and for other purposes; H.R. 4182, To provide that the Ozark National Scenic Riverways shall be administered in accordance with the general management plan for that unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes; H.R. 4272, To stop implementation and enforcement of the Forest Service travel management rule and to require the Forest Service to incorporate the needs, uses, and input of affected communities before taking any travel management action affecting access to units of the National Forest System derived from the public domain, and for other purposes; H.R. 4283, To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to maintain or replace certain facilities and structures for commercial recreation services at Smith Gulch in Idaho, and for other purposes; H.R. 4489, To designate memorials to the service of members of the United States Armed Forces in World War I, and for other purposes; and H.R. 4527, To remove a use restriction on land formerly

a part of Acadia National Park that was transferred to the town of Tremont, Maine, and for other purposes.

July 9, 2014—Hearing held on H.R. 3994, To improve the control and management of invasive species that threaten and harm Federal lands under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior, and for other purposes; and H.R. 4751, To make technical corrections to Public Law 110–229 to reflect the renaming of the Bainbridge Island Japanese American Exclusion Memorial, and for other purposes.

July 29, 2014—Hearing held on H.R. 445, To authorize a National Heritage Area Program, and for other purposes; H.R. 1785, To establish the Mountains to Sound Greenway National Heritage Area in the State of Washington, and for other purposes; H.R. 4119, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the West Hunter Street Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia, and for other purposes; H.R. 4901, To maximize land management efficiencies, promote land conservation, generate education funding, and for other purposes; H.R. 4979, To provide legal certainty to property owners along the Red River in Texas, and for other purposes; H.R. 5086, To amend the National Trails System Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on the feasibility of designating the Chief Standing Bear National Historic Trail, and for other purposes; S. 311, A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating sites in the Lower Mississippi River Area in the State of Louisiana as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes; S. 476, A bill to amend the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Development Act to extend to the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Commission; and S. 609, A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land in San Juan County, New Mexico, and for other purposes.

September 9, 2014—Hearing held on H.R. 3326, To provide for an exchange of land between the United States and the Trinity Public Utilities District of Trinity County, California, involving a parcel of National Forest System land in Shasta-Trinity National Forest; H.R. 3411, To provide for an exchange of land between the United States Department of Agriculture and the Sabine River Authority of Texas; H.R. 4846, To adjust the boundary of the Arapaho National Forest, Colorado, and for other purposes; H.R. 5003, To adjust the boundary of the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park to include the Wallis House and Harriston Hill, and for other purposes; H.R. 5040, To require the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to Idaho County in the State of Idaho, and for other purposes; H.R. 5074, To amend the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 to improve the transparency and oversight of land conveyances involving the sale, exchange, or other disposal of National Forest System lands or public lands under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management or the acquisition of non-Federal lands for inclusion in the National Forest System or administration as public lands, and for other purposes; H.R. 5162, To amend the Act entitled “An Act to allow a certain parcel of land in Rockingham County, Virginia, to be used for a child care center” to remove the use restriction, and for other purposes; and H.R. 5167, To direct the Administrator of General Services, on behalf of the Secretary of the Interior, to convey certain Federal property lo-

cated in the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska to the Olgoonik Corporation, an Alaska Native Corporation established under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act.

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.”

June 18, 2013—Oversight hearing on “Citizen and Agency Perspectives on the Federal Land Recreation Enhancement Act.”

June 27, 2013—Oversight hearing on “Outdoor Recreation Opportunities on State, Local and Federal Lands.”

July 9, 2013—Oversight hearing on “Public Impact of Closing Amenities at Yosemite National Park.”

July 11, 2013—Oversight hearing on “Wildfire and Forest Management.”

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October 29, 2013—Oversight hearing on “Threats, Intimidation and Bullying by Federal Land Managing Agencies.”

June 25, 2014—Oversight hearing on “Increasing Carbon Soil Sequestration on Public Lands.”

July 24, 2014—Oversight hearing on “Threats, Intimidation and Bullying by Federal Land Managing Agencies, Part II.”

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.

February 5, 2014—Hearing held on Discussion Draft Legislation, H.R. ____, “To Amend the Secure Water Act of 2009 to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to implement a surface water storage enhancement program, and for other purposes”; H.R. 3980, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to coordinate Federal and State permitting processes related to the construction of new surface water storage projects on lands under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture and to designate the Bureau of Reclamation as the lead agency for permit processing, and for other purposes; and H.R. 3981, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to allow for prepayment of repayment contracts between the United States and water users, to provide surface water storage enhancement, and for other purposes.

June 10, 2014—Hearing held on H.R. 3716, To ratify a water settlement agreement affecting the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, and for other purposes; H.R. 4166, To transfer recreational management authority for Lake Berryessa in the State of California from the Bureau of Reclamation to the Bureau of Land Management, and for other purposes; H.R. 4508, To amend the East Bench Irrigation District Water Contract Extension Act to permit the Secretary of the Interior to extend the contract for certain water services; and H.R. 4562, To authorize early repayment of obligations to the Bureau of Reclamation within the Northport Irrigation District in the State of Nebraska.

September 10, 2014—Hearing held on H.R. 5412, To facilitate and streamline the Bureau of Reclamation process for creating or expanding surface water storage under Reclamation law.

September 19, 2014—Hearing held on H.R. 4924, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to enter into the Big Sandy River-Planet Ranch Water Rights Settlement Agreement and the Hualapai Tribe Bill Williams River Water Rights Settlement Agreement, to provide for the lease of certain land located within Planet Ranch on the Bill Williams River in the State of Arizona to benefit the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program, and to provide for the settlement of specific water rights claims in the Bill Williams River watershed in the State of Arizona.

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.”

March 25, 2014—Oversight hearing on “Examining the Proposed Fiscal Year 2015 Spending, Priorities and the Missions of the Bureau of Reclamation, the Four Power Marketing Administrations and the U.S. Geological Survey’s Water Program.”

June 24, 2014—Oversight hearing on “New Federal Schemes to Soak Up Water Authority: Impact on States, Water Users, Recreation, and Jobs.”

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 TH.R.ee 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* a 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 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"). 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

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. October 3, 2013, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation)

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)

113-54—Oversight Field Hearing in Pasco, Washington, on “The Future of the U.S.-Canada Columbia River Treaty—Building on 60 years of Coordinated Power Generation and Flood Control.” December 9, 2013, Pasco, Washington. (Full Committee)

113-55—Oversight Hearing on “ESA Decisions by Closed-Door Settlement: Short-Changing Science, Transparency, Private Property, and State & Local Economies.” December 12, 2013, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

113-56—Oversight Hearing on “Obama Administration’s War on Coal: The Recent Report by the Office of the Inspector General.” January 9, 2014, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

113-57—Oversight Hearing on “The Science behind Discovery: Seismic Exploration and the Future of the Atlantic OCS.” January 10, 2014, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources)

113-58—Oversight Hearing on “Oversight of the Obama Administration’s Questionable Application of Sequestration to the Secure

Rural Schools Program and the Costs to States, Local Economies, and Rural School Children.” January 14, 2014, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

113-59—Legislative Hearing on Discussion Draft “H.R. _____, Strengthening Fishing Communities and Increasing Flexibility in Fisheries Management Act.” February 4, 2014, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

113-60—Legislative Hearing on H.R. 3980, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to coordinate Federal and State permitting processes related to the construction of new surface water storage projects on lands under the jurisdiction of the Secretary the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture and to designate the Bureau of Reclamation as the lead agency for permit processing; H.R. 3981, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to allow for prepayment of repayment contracts between the United States and water users, to provide surface water storage enhancement, and for other purposes; and Discussion Draft H.R. _____, “To Amend the Secure Water Act of 2009 to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to implement a surface water storage enhancement program, and for other purposes.” February 5, 2014, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Water and Power)

113-61—Oversight Hearing on “National Fish Hatchery System: Strategic Hatchery and Workforce Planning Report.” March 5, 2014, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs)

113-62—Legislative Hearing on Discussion Draft H.R. _____, To authorize a demonstration program that allows for State-Federal-Tribal co-management of wildlife throughout the traditional hunting territory of the Ahtna people and for other purposes (“The Alaska Native Subsistence Co-Management Demonstration Act of 2014”). March 14, 2014, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs)

113-63—Oversight Field Hearing in Fresno, California, on “California Water Crisis and Its Impacts: The Need for Immediate and Long-Term Solutions.” March 19, 2014, Fresno, California. (Full Committee)

113-64—Oversight Hearing on “Collision Course: Oversight of the Obama Administration’s Enforcement Approach for America’s Wildlife Laws and Its Impact on Domestic Energy.” March 26, 2014, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

113-65—Oversight Hearing on “Department of the Interior Spending and the President’s Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Proposal.” April 3, 2014, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

113-66—Legislative Hearing on Draft Legislation H.R. _____, To prevent, deter, and eliminate illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing through port State measures; H.R. 69, To strengthen enforcement mechanisms to stop illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing, to amend the Tuna Conventions Act of 1950 to implement the Antigua Convention, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2646, To direct the Secretary of Commerce to issue a fishing capacity reduction loan to refinance the existing loan funding the Pacific Coast groundfish fishing capacity reduction program. April 3, 2014, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs)

113-67—Oversight Hearing on “Implementing the Cobell Settlement: Missed Opportunities and Lessons Learned.” April 3, 2014, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs)

113-68—Legislative Hearing on Draft Legislation H.R. ____, To amend the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act to improve consistency and accountability in the collection and expenditure of Federal recreation fees, and for other purposes; H.R. 2743, To make the National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass available at a discount to certain veterans; and H.R. 3976, To provide for a lifetime National Recreational Pass for any veteran with a service-connected disability, and for other purposes. April 4, 2014, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation)

113-69—Legislative Hearing on H.R. 4315, To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require publication on the Internet of the basis for determinations that species are endangered species or threatened species, and for other purposes; H.R. 4316, To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to improve the disclosure of certain expenditures under that Act, and for other purposes; H.R. 4317, To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require disclosure to States of the basis of determinations under such Act, to ensure use of information provided by State, tribal, and county governments in decisionmaking under such Act, and for other purposes; and H.R. 4318, To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to conform citizen suits under that Act with other existing law, and for other purposes. April 8, 2014, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

113-70—Oversight Hearing on “Keeping the Lights On and Reducing Catastrophic Forest Fire Risk: Proper Management of Electricity Rights of Way on Federal Lands.” May 7, 2014, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

113-71—Oversight Field Hearing in Batesville, Arkansas, on “Protecting the Rights of Property Owners: Proposed Federal Critical Habitat Designations Gone Wild.” May 14, 2014, Batesville, Arkansas. (Full Committee)

113-72—Oversight Hearing on “Oil and Gas Activities within Our Nation’s National Wildlife Refuge System.” May 20, 2014, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Insular Affairs)

113-73—Legislative Hearing on H.R. 1776, To establish the Clear Creek National Recreation Area in San Benito and Fresno Counties, to designate the Joaquin Rocks Wilderness in such counties, to designate additional components of the national wild and scenic rivers system, and for other purposes; H.R. 2175, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to install in the area of the World War II Memorial in the District of Columbia a suitable plaque or an inscription with the words that President Franklin D. Roosevelt prayed with the United States on June 6, 1944, the morning of D-Day; H.R. 2489, To modify the boundary of the Oregon Caves National Monument, and for other purposes; and H.R. 3806, To authorize payment of funds in accordance with the agreement entered into by the Tennessee Valley Authority, the State of North Carolina, Swain County, North Carolina, and the United States Depart-

ment of the Interior. May 20, 2014, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation)

113-74—Legislative Hearing on H.R. 318, To authorize a Wall of Remembrance as part of the Korean War Veterans Memorial and to allow certain private contributions to fund that Wall of Remembrance; H.R. 4029, To require the Secretary of the Interior to transfer all Federal land, facilities, and any other assets associated with the Ozark National Scenic Riverways to the State of Missouri for the purposes of maintaining a State park, and for other purposes; H.R. 4049, To amend the Act to provide for the establishment of the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore in the State of Wisconsin, and for other purposes, to adjust the boundary of that National Lakeshore to include the lighthouse known as Ashland Harbor Breakwater Light, and for other purposes; H.R. 4182, To provide that the Ozark National Scenic Riverways shall be administered in accordance with the general management plan for that unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes; H.R. 4272, To stop implementation and enforcement of the Forest Service travel management rule and to require the Forest Service to incorporate the needs, uses, and input of affected communities before taking any travel management action affecting access to units of the National Forest System derived from the public domain, and for other purposes; H.R. 4283, To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to maintain or replace certain facilities and structures for commercial recreation services at Smith Gulch in Idaho, and for other purposes; H.R. 4489, To designate memorials to the service of members of the United States Armed Forces in World War I, and for other purposes; and H.R. 4527, To remove a use restriction on land formerly a part of Acadia National Park that was transferred to the town of Tremont, Maine, and for other purposes. June 10, 2014, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation)

113-75—Legislative Hearing on H.R. 1587, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to issue permits for rights-of-way, temporary easements, or other necessary authorizations to facilitate natural gas, oil, and petroleum product pipelines and related facilities on eligible Federal lands, and for other purposes; and H.R. 4293, To authorize the approval of natural gas pipelines and establish deadlines and expedite permits for certain natural gas gathering lines on Federal land and Indian land. June 20, 2014, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources)

113-76—Oversight Hearing on “The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s Plan to Implement a Ban on the Commercial Trade in Elephant Ivory.” June 24, 2014, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Fisheries Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs)

113-77—Oversight Hearing on “Child Protection and the Justice System on the Spirit Lake Indian Reservation.” June 24, 2014, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs)

113-78—Oversight Hearing on “New Federal Schemes to Soak Up Water Authority: Impacts on States, Water Users, Recreation, and Jobs.” June 24, 2014, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Water and Power)

113-79—Oversight Hearing on “Increasing Carbon Soil Sequestration on Public Lands.” June 25, 2014, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation)

113-80—Legislative Hearing on H.R. 3994, To improve the control and management of invasive species that threaten and harm Federal lands under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior, and for other purposes; and H.R. 4751, To make technical corrections to Public Law 110-229 to reflect the renaming of the Bainbridge Island Japanese American Exclusion Memorial, and for other purposes. July 9, 2014, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation)

113-81—Legislative Hearing on H.R. 3109, To amend the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to exempt certain Alaskan Native articles from prohibitions against sale of items containing nonedible migratory bird parts, and for other purposes; H.R. 3409, To amend the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 to require that any expansion of a national wildlife refuge must be expressly authorized by statute; H.R. 5026, To prohibit closing or repurposing any propagation fish hatchery or aquatic species propagation program of the Department of the Interior unless such action is expressly authorized by an Act of Congress, and for other purposes; and H.R. 5069, To amend the Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Act to increase in the price of Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamps to fund the acquisition of conservation easements for migratory birds, and for other purposes. July 23, 2014, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs)

113-82—Oversight Hearing on “Threats, Intimidation and Bulling by Federal Land Managing Agencies, Part II.” July 24, 2014, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation)

113-83—Legislative Hearing on H.R. 596, To promote the development of renewable energy on public lands, and for other purposes; H.R. 1363, To promote timely exploration for geothermal resources under existing geothermal leases, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2004, To expand geothermal production, and for other purposes. July 29, 2014, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources)

113-84—Legislative Hearing on H.R. 445, To authorize a National Heritage Area Program, and for other purposes; H.R. 1785, To establish the Mountains to Sound Greenway National Heritage Area in the State of Washington, and for other purposes; H.R. 4119, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the West Hunter Street Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia, and for other purposes; H.R. 4901, To maximize land management efficiencies, promote land conservation, generate education funding, and for other purposes; H.R. 4979, To provide legal certainty to property owners along the Red River in Texas, and for other purposes; H.R. 5086, To amend the National Trails System Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on the feasibility of designating the Chief Standing Bear National Historic Trail, and for other purposes; S. 311, A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility

of designating sites in the Lower Mississippi River Area in the State of Louisiana as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes; S. 476, A bill to amend the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Development Act to extend to the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Commission; and S. 609, A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land in San Juan County, New Mexico, and for other purposes. July 29, 2014, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation)

113-85—Oversight Field Hearing in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, on “The Northern Long Eared Bat: The Federal Endangered Species Act and Impacts of a Listing on Pennsylvania and 37 Other States.” September 8, 2014, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. (Full Committee)

113-86—Legislative Hearing on H.R. 1314, To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to establish a procedure for approval of certain settlements; H.R. 1927, To provide congressional direction for implementation of the Endangered Species Act as it relates to operation of the Central Valley Project and the California State Water Project and for water relief in the State of California; H.R. 4256, To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require, in counting the number of a species in a State for purposes of determining whether the species is an endangered or threatened species, inclusion of the number of the species on State and private lands as determined by the State, and for other purposes; H.R. 4284, To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to encourage greater State input and authority over species and habitat management by allowing States to propose and implement State Protective Action before species are listed under that Act, and for other purposes; H.R. 4319, To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require the Secretary of the Interior to publish and make available for public comment a draft economic analysis at the time a proposed rule to designate critical habitat is published; and H.R. 4866, To reverse the Department of the Interior’s listing of the lesser prairie chicken as a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, to prevent further consideration of listing of such species as a threatened species or endangered species under that Act pending implementation of the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies’ Lesser Prairie-Chicken Range-Wide Conservation Plan and other conservation measures, and for other purposes. September 9, 2014, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

113-87—Oversight Hearing on “The Status of the Fish and Wildlife Service’s Responses to Committee Subpoenas and the Continued Lack of Transparency About Its Implementation and Enforcement of American Wildlife Laws, and Oversight of the Department of the Interior’s Solicitor’s Office.” September 10, 2014, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

113-88—Legislative Hearing on H.R. 5412, To facilitate and streamline the Bureau of Reclamation process for creating or expanding surface water storage under Reclamation law. September 10, 2014, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Water and Power)

113-89—Oversight Hearing on “Oversight of the Office of Inspector General and its Ongoing Failure To Comply With a Subpoena

for Documents About a Recent Investigation.” September 11, 2014, Washington, D.C. (Full Committee)

113-90—Legislative Hearing on H.R. 5066, To reauthorize the National Geological and Geophysical Data Preservation Program Act of 2005 through 2019; and H.R. 5176, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to retire coal preference right lease applications for which the Secretary has made an affirmative commercial quantities determination, and for other purposes. September 17, 2014, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources)

113-91—Oversight Hearing on “Is the Midway Atoll National Wildlife Refuge Being Properly Managed?” November 20, 2014, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs)

113-92—Legislative Hearing on H.R. 3099, To provide for the development of a fishery management plan for the Gulf of Mexico red snapper, and for other purposes. December 4, 2014, Washington, D.C. (Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs)

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. (*Public Law 113–131*)

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. (*Public Law 113–134*)

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. (*Public Law 113–133*)

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 Stream-

lining Pilot Project. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 415–1. (*Public Law 113–69*)

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. (*Public Law 113–239*)

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. (*Public Law 113–137*)

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 prehistoric, 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. (*Public Law 113–107*)

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. (*Public Law 113–136*)

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. (*Public Law 113–135*)

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 Dakota, 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.

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. (*Public Law 113–121*)

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. (*Public Law 113–132*)

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. (*Public Law 113–68*)

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. (*Public Law 113–141*)

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. (*Public Law 113–244*)

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. (*Public Law 113–129*)

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. (*Public Law 113-127*)

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. (*Public Law 113-88*)

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. (*Public Law 113-70*)

01/13/2014—H.R. 841, To amend the Grand Ronde Reservation Act to make technical corrections, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

01/13/2014—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. Passed House by vote of 396-0.

01/13/2014—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. Passed House by vote of 387-7. (*Public Law 113-78*)

01/27/2014—H.R. 1684, To convey certain property to the State of Wyoming to consolidate the historic Ranch A, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote.

01/27/2014—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. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 394-0.

01/27/2014—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. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 367-27.

02/05/2014—H.R. 3590, To protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 268-154.

02/05/2014—H.R. 3964, To address certain water-related concerns in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 229-191.

02/06/2014—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. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 220–194.

03/04/2014—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. Passed House by voice vote.

03/04/2014—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. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

03/04/2014—S. 23*, A bill 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. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 113–87*)

03/06/2014—H.R. 2641*, To provide for improved coordination of agency actions in the preparation and adoption of environmental documents for permitting determinations, and for other purposes. Passed House by vote of 229–179.

03/13/2014—H.R. 3189, To prohibit the conditioning of any permit, lease, or other use agreement on the transfer of any water right to the United States by the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 238–174.

03/25/2014—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. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 229–192.

03/26/2014—H.R. 1459, To ensure that the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 applies to the declaration of national monuments, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 222–201.

04/07/2014—S. 404*, A bill to preserve the Green Mountain Lookout in the Glacier Peak Wilderness of the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 112–99*)

04/28/2014—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. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

04/28/2014—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. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

04/28/2014—H.R. 1501, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating the Prison Ship Martyrs' Monument in Fort Greene Park, in the New York

City borough of Brooklyn, as a unit of the National Park System. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

04/28/2014—H.R. 3110, To allow for the harvest of gull eggs by the Huna Tlingit people within Glacier Bay National Park in the State of Alaska. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote. (*Public Law 113-142*)

04/28/2014—H.R. 4032, To exempt from Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 certain water transfers by the North Texas Municipal Water District and the Greater Texoma Utility Authority, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote. (*Public Law 113-117*)

04/28/2014—H.R. 4120, To amend the National Law Enforcement Museum Act to extend the termination date. Passed House by vote of 384-0. (*Public Law 113-102*)

04/29/2014—H.R. 4414*, To clarify the treatment under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of health plans in which expatriates are the primary enrollees, and for other purposes. Passed House by vote of 268-150.

05/07/2014—H.R. 863, To establish the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Women's History Museum, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 383-33.

05/28/2014—H.R. 503, To authorize the National Desert Storm Memorial Association to establish the National Desert Storm and Desert Shield Memorial as a commemorative work in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 370-0.

05/28/2014—H.R. 3366, To provide for the release of the property interests retained by the United States in certain land conveyed in 1954 by the United States, acting through the Director of the Bureau of Land Management, to the State of Oregon for the establishment of the Hermiston Agricultural Research and Extension Center of Oregon State University in Hermiston, Oregon. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

06/09/2014—S. 1254*, A bill to amend the Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia Research and Control Act of 1998, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote. (*Public Law 113-124*)

06/23/2014—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. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

06/23/2014—H.R. 4002, To revoke the charter of incorporation of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma at the request of that tribe, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote.

06/24/2014—H.R. 3301*, To require approval for the construction, connection, operation, or maintenance of oil or natural gas pipelines or electric transmission facilities at the national boundary of the United States for the import or export of oil, natural gas, or electricity to or from Canada or Mexico, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 238-173.

06/26/2014—H.R. 4899, To lower gasoline prices for the American family by increasing domestic onshore and offshore energy exploration and production, to streamline and improve onshore and offshore energy permitting and administration, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 229–185.

07/14/2014—H.R. 1192, To redesignate Mammoth Peak in Yosemite National Park as “Mount Jessie Benton Fre’mont”. Passed House by voice vote.

07/15/2014—H.R. 5021*, To provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 367–55. (*Public Law 113–159*)

07/22/2014—H.R. 2430, To adjust the boundaries of Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park to include Hinchliffe Stadium, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

07/22/2014—H.R. 3716, To ratify a water settlement agreement affecting the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 113–169*)

07/22/2014—H.R. 3802, To extend the legislative authority of the Adams Memorial Foundation to establish a commemorative work in honor of former President John Adams and his legacy, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

07/22/2014—H.R. 4508, To amend the East Bench Irrigation District Water Contract Extension Act to permit the Secretary of the Interior to extend the contract for certain water services. Passed House by voice vote.

07/22/2014—H.R. 4562, To authorize early repayment of obligations to the Bureau of Reclamation within the Northport Irrigation District in the State of Nebraska. Passed House by voice vote.

07/29/2014—H.R. 4315, To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require publication on the Internet of the basis for determinations that species are endangered species or threatened species, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 233–190.

09/08/2014—H.R. 3109, To amend the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to exempt certain Alaskan Native articles from prohibitions against sale of items containing nonedible migratory bird parts, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote.

09/08/2014—H.R. 4283, To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to maintain or replace certain facilities and structures for commercial recreation services at Smith Gulch in Idaho, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 398–1.

09/08/2014—H.R. 4527, To remove a use restriction on land formerly a part of Acadia National Park that was transferred to the town of Tremont, Maine, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote.

09/08/2014—H.J. Res. 120, Approving the location of a memorial to commemorate the more than 5,000 slaves and free Black persons who fought for independence in the American Revolution. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 113–176*)

09/08/2014—S. 231*, A bill to reauthorize the Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 113-165*)

09/10/2014—H.R. 4751, To remove a use restriction on land formerly a part of Acadia National Park that was transferred to the town of Tremont, Maine, and for other purposes. Passed House by vote of 422-0. (*Public Law 113-171*)

09/15/2014—H.R. 2569, To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Missisquoi River and the Trout River in the State of Vermont, as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

09/15/2014—H.R. 3006, To authorize a land exchange involving the acquisition of private land adjacent to the Cibola National Wildlife Refuge in Arizona for inclusion in the refuge in exchange for certain Bureau of Land Management lands in Riverside County, California, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

09/15/2014—H.R. 3222, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of sites associated with the 1657 signing of the Flushing Remonstrance in Queens, New York, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

09/15/2014—H.R. 4119, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the West Hunter Street Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

09/15/2014—H.R. 5205, To authorize certain land conveyances involving public lands in northern Nevada to promote economic development and conservation, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

09/16/2014—S. 1603*, A bill to reaffirm that certain land has been taken into trust for the benefit of the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatami Indians, and for other purposes. Passed House by vote of 359-64. (*Public Law 113-179*)

09/17/2014—S. 476*, A bill to amend the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Development Act to extend to the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Commission. Passed House by vote of 419-0. (*Public Law 113-178*)

09/18/2014—H.R. 2, To remove Federal Government obstacles to the production of more domestic energy; to ensure transport of that energy reliably to businesses, consumers, and other end users; to lower the cost of energy to consumers; to enable manufacturers and other businesses to access domestically produced energy affordably and reliably in order to create and sustain more secure and well-paying American jobs; and for other purposes. Passed House by vote of 226-191.

09/18/2014—H.R. 4*, To make revisions to Federal law to improve the conditions necessary for economic growth and job creation, and for other purposes. Passed House by vote of 253-163.

11/13/2014—H.R. 3326, To provide for an exchange of land between the United States and the Trinity Public Utilities District of Trinity County, California, involving a parcel of National Forest System land in Shasta-Trinity National Forest. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

11/13/2014—H.R. 4846, To adjust the boundary of the Arapaho National Forest, Colorado, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

11/13/2014—H.R. 4867, To provide for certain land to be taken into trust for the benefit of Morongo Band of Mission Indians, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

11/13/2014—H.R. 5167, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal property located in the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska to the Olgoonik Corporation, an Alaska Native Corporation established under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

11/14/2014—H.R. 5682*, To approve the Keystone XL Pipeline. Passed House by vote of 252–161, 1 Present.

11/17/2014—H.R. 3608, To amend the Act of October 19, 1973, concerning taxable income to members of the Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians. Passed House by voice vote. (*Public Law 113–290*)

11/17/2014—H.R. 4049, To amend the Act to provide for the establishment of the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore in the State of Wisconsin, and for other purposes, to adjust the boundary of that National Lakeshore to include the lighthouse known as Ashland Harbor Breakwater Light, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

11/17/2014—H.R. 5040, To require the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to Idaho County in the State of Idaho, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote.

11/17/2014—H.R. 5069, To amend the Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Act to increase in the price of Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamps to fund the acquisition of conservation easements for migratory birds, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote. (*Public Law 113–264*)

11/17/2014—H.R. 5162, To amend the Act entitled “An Act to allow a certain parcel of land in Rockingham County, Virginia, to be used for a child care center” to remove the use restriction, and for other purposes. Passed House by vote of 378–1.

12/01/2014—H.R. 2455, To provide for the sale or transfer of certain Federal lands in Nevada, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

12/01/2014—H.R. 4924, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to enter into the Big Sandy River-Planet Ranch Water Rights Settlement Agreement and the Hualapai Tribe Bill Williams River Water Rights Settlement Agreement, to provide for the lease of certain land located within Planet Ranch on the Bill Williams River in the State of Arizona to benefit the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program, and to provide for the settlement of specific water rights claims in the Bill Williams River watershed in the State of Arizona. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote. (*Public Law 113–223*)

12/02/2014—H.R. 3572, To revise the boundaries of certain John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System units. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 410–7. (*Public Law 113–253*)

12/02/2014—H.R. 5050, To repeal the Act of May 31, 1918, and for other purposes. Passed House by vote of 418–0.

12/02/2014—S. 2040*, A bill to exchange trust and fee land to resolve land disputes created by the realignment of the Blackfoot River along the boundary of the Fort Hall Indian Reservation, and for other purposes. Passed House by vote of 414–0. (*Public Law 113–232*)

12/09/2014—H.R. 5086, To amend the National Trails System Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on the feasibility of designating the Chief Standing Bear National Historic Trail, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

12/09/2014—H.R. 5701, To require that certain Federal lands be held in trust by the United States for the benefit of federally recognized tribes in the State of Oregon, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by voice vote.

12/09/2014—H.R. 5781, To amend the National Trails System Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on the feasibility of designating the Chief Standing Bear National Historic Trail, and for other purposes. Passed House by vote of 230–182.

12/10/2014—S. 1000*, A bill to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to prepare a crosscut budget for restoration activities in the Chesapeake Bay watershed, and for other purposes. Passed House by vote of 416–0. (*Public Law 113–273*)

12/11/2014—H.R. 5699, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire approximately 44 acres of land in Martinez, California, and for other purposes. Passed House, as amended, by vote of 361–39.

12/11/2014—H.R. 5742, To provide to the Secretary of the Interior a mechanism to cancel contracts for the sale of materials CA–20139 and CA–22901, and for other purposes. Passed House by voice vote.

12/11/2014—S. 1474*, A bill to amend the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 to repeal a special rule for the State of Alaska, and for other purposes. Passed House by unanimous consent. (*Public Law 113–275*)

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*, 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), 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)

Public Law 113–66: H. R. 3304* (H.R. 165, H.R. 462, H.R. 910, H.R. 1080, H.R. 1299, H.R. 1672, H.R. 1673, H.R. 1676, H.R. 1691), To authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2014 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes. (National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014)

Public Law 113–67: H.J. Res. 59* (H.R. 1613), Making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes. (Continuing Appropriations Resolution, 2014)

Public Law 113–68: 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. (Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium Land Transfer Act)

Public Law 113–69: H.R. 767, To amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to modify the Pilot Project offices of the Federal Permit Streamlining Pilot Project.

Public Law 113–70: H.R. 2319, To clarify certain provisions of the Native American Veterans' Memorial Establishment Act of 1994. (Native American Veterans' Memorial Amendments Act of 2013)

Public Law 113–78: S. 230 (H.R. 915), 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.

Public Law 113–79: H.R. 2642* (H.R. 1611), To provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2018, and for other purposes. (Federal Agriculture Reform and Risk Management Act of 2013)

Public Law 113–87: S. 23 (H.R. 163), A bill 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. (Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore Conservation and Recreation Act)

Public Law 113–88: 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. (Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Non-Intercourse Act of 2013)

Public Law 113–99: S. 404* (H.R. 908), A bill to preserve the Green Mountain Lookout in the Glacier Peak Wilderness of the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest. (Green Mountain Lookout Heritage Protection Act)

Public Law 113–102: H.R. 4120, To amend the National Law Enforcement Museum Act to extend the termination date.

Public Law 113–107: 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.

Public Law 113–117: H.R. 4032, To exempt from Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 certain water transfers by the North Texas

Municipal Water District and the Greater Texoma Utility Authority, and for other purposes. (North Texas Invasive Species Barrier Act of 2014)

Public Law 113–119: S. 611* (H.R. 3605), A bill to make a technical amendment to the Tuf Shur Bien Preservation Trust Area Act, and for other purposes. (Sandia Pueblo Settlement Technical Amendment Act)

Public Law 113–121: H.R. 3080 (H.R. 358), 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. (Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014)

Public Law 113–123: S. 1044* (H.R. 2175), A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to install in the area of the World War II Memorial in the District of Columbia a suitable plaque or an inscription with the words that President Franklin D. Roosevelt prayed with the United States on D-Day, June 6, 1944. (World War II Memorial Prayer Act of 2013)

Public Law 113–124: S. 1254, A bill to amend the Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia Research and Control Act of 1998, and for other purposes. (Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Research and Control Amendments Act of 2013)

Public Law 113–127: 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.

Public Law 113–129: 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.

Public Law 113–131: 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. (Black Hills Cemetery Act)

Public Law 113–132: H.R. 330, To designate a Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial at the March Field Air Museum in Riverside, California. (Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial Act)

Public Law 113–133: 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”. (Hill Creek Cultural Preservation and Energy Development Act)

Public Law 113–134: 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. (Pascua Yaqui Tribe Trust Land Act)

Public Law 113–135: 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. (Three Kids Mine Remediation and Reclamation Act)

Public Law 113–136: 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. (Idaho Wilderness Water Resources Protection Act)

Public Law 113–137: 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. (North Cascades National Park Service Complex Fish Stocking Act)

Public Law 113–141: H.R. 2337, To provide for the conveyance of the Forest Service Lake Hill Administrative Site in Summit County, Colorado. (Lake Hill Administrative Site Affordable Housing Act)

Public Law 113–142: H.R. 3110, To allow for the harvest of gull eggs by the Huna Tlingit people within Glacier Bay National Park in the State of Alaska. (Huna Tlingit Traditional Gull Egg Use Act)

Public Law 113–159: H.R. 5021, To provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund, and for other purposes. (Highway and Transportation Funding Act of 2014)

Public Law 113–165: S. 231, A bill to reauthorize the Multi-national Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp. (Multi-national Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp Reauthorization Act of 2013)

Public Law 113–169: H.R. 3716, To ratify a water settlement agreement affecting the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, and for other purposes. (Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe—Fish Springs Ranch Settlement Act)

Public Law 113–171: H.R. 4751, To make technical corrections to Public Law 110–229 to reflect the renaming of the Bainbridge Island Japanese American Exclusion Memorial, and for other purposes.

Public Law 113–176: H.J.Res. 120, Approving the location of a memorial to commemorate the more than 5,000 slaves and free Black persons who fought for independence in the American Revolution.

Public Law 113–178: S. 476, A bill to amend the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Development Act to extend to the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Commission.

Public Law 113–179: S. 1603, A bill to reaffirm that certain land has been taken into trust for the benefit of the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatami Indians, and for other purposes. (Gun Lake Trust Land Reaffirmation Act)

Public Law 113–223: H.R. 4924, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to enter into the Big Sandy River-Planet Ranch Water Rights Settlement Agreement and the Hualapai Tribe Bill Williams River Water Rights Settlement Agreement, to provide for the lease of certain land located within Planet Ranch on the Bill Williams River in the State of Arizona to benefit the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program, and to provide for the settlement of specific water rights claims in the Bill Williams River watershed in the State of Arizona. (Bill Williams River Water Rights Settlement Act of 2014)

Public Law 113–232: S. 2040* (H.R. 5049), A bill to exchange trust and fee land to resolve land disputes created by the realignment of the Blackfoot River along the boundary of the Fort Hall In-

dian Reservation, and for other purposes. (Blackfoot River Land Exchange Act of 2014)

Public Law 113–239: H.R. 1206, To grant the Secretary of the Interior permanent authority to authorize States to issue electronic duck stamps, and for other purposes. (Permanent Electronic Duck Stamp Act of 2013)

Public Law 113–244: 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.

Public Law 113–253: H.R. 3572, To revise the boundaries of certain John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System units.

Public Law 113–264: H.R. 5069, To amend the Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Act to increase in the price of Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamps to fund the acquisition of conservation easements for migratory birds, and for other purposes. (Federal Duck Stamp Act of 2014)

Public Law 113–273: S. 1000* (H.R. 739), A bill to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to prepare a crosscut budget for restoration activities in the Chesapeake Bay watershed, and for other purposes. (Chesapeake Bay Accountability and Recovery Act of 2014)

Public Law 113–275: S. 1474*, A bill to amend the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 to repeal a special rule for the State of Alaska, and for other purposes. (Alaska Safe Families and Villages Act of 2014)

Public Law 113–290: H.R. 3608, To amend the Act of October 19, 1973, concerning taxable income to members of the Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians. (Grand Portage Band Per Capita Adjustment Act)

Public Law 113–291: H.R. 3979* (H.R. 165, H.R. 253, H.R. 298, H.R. 361, H.R. 412, H.R. 433, H.R. 503, H.R. 513, H.R. 520, H.R. 555, H.R. 585, H.R. 657, H.R. 664, H.R. 674, H.R. 687, H.R. 696, H.R. 703, H.R. 706, H.R. 723, H.R. 740, H.R. 819, H.R. 829, H.R. 863, H.R. 869, H.R. 885, H.R. 930, H.R. 993, H.R. 1033, H.R. 1156, H.R. 1157, H.R. 1167, H.R. 1168, H.R. 1169, H.R. 1170, H.R. 1208, H.R. 1241, H.R. 1259, H.R. 1260, H.R. 1501, H.R. 1513, H.R. 1561, H.R. 1683, H.R. 1684, H.R. 1839, H.R. 1846, H.R. 1963, H.R. 2015, H.R. 2197, H.R. 2259, H.R. 2271, H.R. 2395, H.R. 2430, H.R. 2455, H.R. 2489, H.R. 2569, H.R. 2646, H.R. 3006, H.R. 3222, H.R. 3326, H.R. 3366, H.R. 3802, H.R. 3810, H.R. 4049, H.R. 4119, H.R. 4220, H.R. 4350, H.R. 4458, H.R. 4489, H.R. 4508, H.R. 5040, H.R. 5167, H.R. 5205, H.R. 5476, S. 112, S. 247, S. 311, S. 354, S. 393, S. 609, S. 2440), To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not taken into account as employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. (Carl Levin and Howard P. “Buck” McKeon National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015)

APPENDIX IV

COMMITTEE PRINTS

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

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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 TH.R.ee 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.

House Report 113-295 (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.

House Report 113-296 (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.

House Report 113-297 (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.

House Report 113-298 (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.

House Report 113–307 (Activities Report, 1st Session), Report on Legislative and Oversight Activities of the Committee on Natural Resources during the 113th Congress, 1st Session, (January 3 through December 16, 2013) together with Additional and Dissenting Views.

House Report 113–328 (H.R. 908), To preserve the Green Mountain Lookout in the Glacier Peak Wilderness of the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest.

House Report 113–329, Part 1, (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.

House Report 113–330, (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.

House Report 113–331, Part 1, (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.

House Report 113–335, Part 1, (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.

House Report 113–336, Part 1, (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.

House Report 113–337, Part 1, (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.

House Report 113–364 (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.

House Report 113–366 (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.

House Report 113–367 (H.R. 931), To provide for the addition of certain real property to the reservation of the Siletz Tribe in the State of Oregon.

House Report 113–368 (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.

House Report 113-369 (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.

House Report 113-370 (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.

House Report 113-372, Part 1, (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.

House Report 113-389 (H.R. 981), To direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a global rare earth element assessment, and for other purposes.

House Report 113-390 (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.

House Report 113-391 (H.R. 1259), To establish Coltsville National Historical Park in the State of Connecticut, and for other purposes.

House Report 113-392 (H.R. 1501), To direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating the Prison Ship Martyrs' Monument in Fort Greene Park, in the New York City borough of Brooklyn, as a unit of the National Park System.

House Report 113-393 (H.R. 3110), To allow for the harvest of gull eggs by the Huna Tlingit people within Glacier Bay National Park in the State of Alaska.

House Report 113-394, Part 1, (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.

House Report 113-395 (H.R. 3222), To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of sites associated with the 1657 signing of the Flushing Remonstrance in Queens, New York, and for other purposes.

House Report 113-396 (H.R. 3605), To make a technical amendment to the Tuf Shur Bien Preservation Trust Area Act, and for other purposes.

House Report 113-398, Part 1, (H.R. 1425), To amend the Marine Debris Act to better address severe marine debris events, and for other purposes.

House Report 113-399, Part 1, (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.

House Report 113-401 (H.R. 1192), To redesignate Mammoth Peak in Yosemite National Park as “Mount Jessie Benton Fremont”.

House Report 113-402 (H.R. 3366), To provide for the release of the property interests retained by the United States in certain land conveyed in 1954 by the United States, acting through the Director of the Bureau of Land Management, to the State of Oregon for the establishment of the Hermiston Agricultural Research and Extension Center of Oregon State University in Hermiston, Oregon.

House Report 113-411, Part 2, (H.R. 863), To establish the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Women’s History Museum, and for other purposes.

House Report 113-412 (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.

House Report 113-413, Part 1, (H.R. 4032), To exempt from Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 certain water transfers by the North Texas Municipal Water District and the Greater Texoma Utility Authority, and for other purposes.

House Report 113-420 (H.R. 4002), To revoke the charter of incorporation of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma at the request of that tribe, and for other purposes.

House Report 113-421 (H.R. 4120), To amend the National Law Enforcement Museum Act to extend the termination date.

House Report 113-437 (H.R. 503), To authorize the National Desert Storm Memorial Association to establish the National Desert Storm and Desert Shield Memorial as a commemorative work in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

House Report 113-438 (H.R. 2430), To adjust the boundaries of Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park to include Hinchliffe Stadium, and for other purposes.

House Report 113-453, Part 1, (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.

House Report 113-500 (H.R. 2175), To direct the Secretary of the Interior to install in the area of the World War II Memorial in the District of Columbia a suitable plaque or an inscription with the words that President Franklin D. Roosevelt prayed with the United States on June 6, 1944, the morning of D-Day.

House Report 113-501 (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.

House Report 113-502 (H.R. 2569), To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Missisquoi River and the Trout River in the State of Vermont, as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

House Report 113-503 (H.R. 3687), To amend the National Historic Preservation Act to provide that if the head of the agency managing Federal property objects to the inclusion of certain prop-

erty on the National Register or its designation as a National Historic Landmark for reasons of national security, the Federal property shall be neither included nor designated until the objection is withdrawn, and for other purposes.

House Report 113-504 (H.R. 3802), To extend the legislative authority of the Adams Memorial Foundation to establish a commemorative work in honor of former President John Adams and his legacy, and for other purposes.

House Report 113-505 (H.R. 4017), To designate a peak located in Nevada as "Mount Reagan".

House Report 113-506 (H.R. 4458), To make permanent the withdrawal and reservation of public land previously withdrawn and reserved to support the operations of Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake, California, and to provide for the withdrawal and reservation of additional public land.

House Report 113-532 (H.R. 3716), To ratify a water settlement agreement affecting the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, and for other purposes.

House Report 113-533 (H.R. 4283), To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to maintain or replace certain facilities and structures for commercial recreation services at Smith Gulch in Idaho, and for other purposes.

House Report 113-534 (H.R. 4508), To amend the East Bench Irrigation District Water Contract Extension Act to permit the Secretary of the Interior to extend the contract for certain water services.

House Report 113-535 (H.R. 4527), To remove a use restriction on land formerly a part of Acadia National Park that was transferred to the town of Tremont, Maine, and for other purposes.

House Report 113-536 (H.R. 4562), To authorize early repayment of obligations to the Bureau of Reclamation within the Northport Irrigation District in the State of Nebraska.

House Report 113-537 (H.R. 4315), To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require publication on the Internet of the basis for determinations that species are endangered species or threatened species, and for other purposes.

House Report 113-538 (H.R. 4316), To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to improve the disclosure of certain expenditures under that Act, and for other purposes.

House Report 113-539 (H.R. 4317), To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require disclosure to States of the basis of determinations under such Act, to ensure use of information provided by State, tribal, and county governments in decisionmaking under such Act, and for other purposes.

House Report 113-540, Part 1, (H.R. 4318), To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to conform citizen suits under that Act with other existing law, and for other purposes.

House Report 113-577 (H.J.Res. 120), Approving the location of a memorial to commemorate the more than 5,000 slaves and free Black persons who fought for independence in the American Revolution.

House Report 113-578 (H.R. 3109), To amend the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to exempt certain Alaskan Native articles from prohibi-

tions against sale of items containing nonedible migratory bird parts, and for other purposes.

House Report 113-579 (H.R. 4751), To make technical corrections to Public Law 110-229 to reflect the renaming of the Bainbridge Island Japanese American Exclusion Memorial, and for other purposes.

House Report 113-589 (S. 476), A bill to amend the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Development Act to extend to the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Commission.

House Report 113-590 (S. 1603), A bill to reaffirm that certain land has been taken into trust for the benefit of the Match-E-Benash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatami Indians, and for other purposes.

House Report 113-591 (H.R. 3006), To authorize a land exchange involving the acquisition of private land adjacent to the Cibola National Wildlife Refuge in Arizona for inclusion in the refuge in exchange for certain Bureau of Land Management lands in Riverside County, California, and for other purposes.

House Report 113-592 (H.R. 4119), To direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the West Hunter Street Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia, and for other purposes.

House Report 113-593 (H.R. 5205), To authorize certain land conveyances involving public lands in northern Nevada to promote economic development and conservation, and for other purposes.

House Report 113-594 (H.R. 4182), To provide that the Ozark National Scenic Riverways shall be administered in accordance with the general management plan for that unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes.

House Report 113-595 (H.R. 3606), To permit certain activities to be conducted on Federal land within the Emigrant Wilderness of Stanislaus National Forest in the State of California at the level at which such activities were conducted on such land before the wilderness designation, and for other purposes.

House Report 113-596 (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.

House Report 113-597 (H.R. 4350), To direct the Secretary of the Interior to take lands and mineral rights on the reservation of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe of Montana and other culturally important lands into trust, and for other purposes.

House Report 113-606 (H.R. 4867), To provide for certain land to be taken into trust for the benefit of Morongo Band of Mission Indians, and for other purposes.

House Report 113-615 (H.R. 3326), To provide for an exchange of land between the United States and the Trinity Public Utilities District of Trinity County, California, involving a parcel of National Forest System land in Shasta-Trinity National Forest.

House Report 113-616 (H.R. 4846), To adjust the boundary of the Arapaho National Forest, Colorado, and for other purposes.

House Report 113-618 (H.R. 5167), To direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal property located in the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska to the Olgoonik Corporation, an Alaska Native Corporation established under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act.

House Report 113-621, Part 1, (H.R. 4049), To amend the Act to provide for the establishment of the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore in the State of Wisconsin, and for other purposes, to adjust the boundary of that National Lakeshore to include the lighthouse known as Ashland Harbor Breakwater Light, and for other purposes.

House Report 113-622 (H.R. 5069), To amend the Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Act to increase in the price of Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamps to fund the acquisition of conservation easements for migratory birds, and for other purposes.

House Report 113-623 (H.R. 5040), To require the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to Idaho County in the State of Idaho, and for other purposes.

House Report 113-624 (H.R. 5162), To amend the Act entitled "An Act to allow a certain parcel of land in Rockingham County, Virginia, to be used for a child care center" to remove the use restriction, and for other purposes.

House Report 113-625, Part 1, (H.R. 3608), To amend the Act of October 19, 1973, concerning taxable income to members of the Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians.

House Report 113-631 (H.R. 5050), To repeal the Act of May 31, 1918, and for other purposes.

House Report 113-632 (H.R. 2455), To provide for the sale or transfer of certain Federal lands in Nevada, and for other purposes.

House Report 113-633 (H.R. 3572), To revise the boundaries of certain John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System units.

House Report 113-634 (H.R. 277), To revise the boundaries of John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Sachuest Point Unit RI-04P, Easton Beach Unit RI-05P, Almy Pond Unit RI-06, and Hazards Beach Unit RI-07 in Rhode Island.

House Report 113-635 (H.R. 1810), To revise the boundaries of John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Gasparilla Island Unit in Florida.

House Report 113-636 (H.R. 3226), To remove from the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System certain properties in South Carolina.

House Report 113-637 (H.R. 3227), To remove from the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System certain properties in South Carolina.

House Report 113-638 (H.R. 4924), To direct the Secretary of the Interior to enter into the Big Sandy River-Planet Ranch Water Rights Settlement Agreement and the Hualapai Tribe Bill Williams River Water Rights Settlement Agreement, to provide for the lease of certain land located within Planet Ranch on the Bill Williams River in the State of Arizona to benefit the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program, and to provide for the settlement of specific water rights claims in the Bill Williams River watershed in the State of Arizona.

House Report 113-639 (H.R. 5049), To exchange trust and fee land to resolve land disputes created by the realignment of the Blackfoot River along the boundary of the Fort Hall Indian Reservation, and for other purposes.

House Report 113-647, Part 1, (H.R. 4309), To amend the Sikes Act to make certain improvements to the administration of cooperative agreements for land management related to Department of Defense readiness activities, and for other purposes.

House Report 113-648, Part 1, (H.R. 4489), To designate memorials to the service of members of the United States Armed Forces in World War I, and for other purposes.

House Report 113-649, Part 1, (H.R. 4402), To authorize the Secretary of the Navy to establish a surface danger zone over the Guam National Wildlife Refuge or any portion thereof to support the operation of a live-fire training range complex.

House Report 113-651 (H.R. 5086), To amend the National Trails System Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on the feasibility of designating the Chief Standing Bear National Historic Trail, and for other purposes.

House Report 113-652 (H.R. 5699), To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire approximately 44 acres of land in Martinez, California, and for other purposes.

House Report 113-671, Part 1, (H.R. 4253), To permanently withdraw, reserve, and transfer Bureau of Land Management lands used for military purposes in Alaska, Nevada, and New Mexico to the appropriate Secretary of the military department concerned.

House Report 113-685 (H.R. 69), To strengthen enforcement mechanisms to stop illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing, to amend the Tuna Conventions Act of 1950 to implement the Antigua Convention, and for other purposes.

House Report 113-686 (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.

House Report 113-687 (H.R. 706), To establish the Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park, to dedicate the Park to John H. Chafee, and for other purposes.

House Report 113-688 (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.

House Report 113-689 (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.

House Report 113-690 (H.R. 1363), To promote timely exploration for geothermal resources under existing geothermal leases, and for other purposes.

House Report 113-691 (H.R. 1561), To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to make improvements to support facilities for National Historic Sites operated by the National Park Service, and for other purposes.

House Report 113-692 (H.R. 1785), To establish the Mountains to Sound Greenway National Heritage Area in the State of Washington, and for other purposes.

House Report 113-693 (H.R. 1839), To designate certain Federal land in the San Juan National Forest in the State of Colorado as wilderness, and for other purposes.

House Report 113-694 (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.

House Report 113-695 (H.R. 3806), To authorize payment of funds in accordance with the agreement entered into by the Tennessee Valley Authority, the State of North Carolina, Swain County, North Carolina, and the United States Department of the Interior.

House Report 113-696 (H.R. 4166), To transfer recreational management authority for Lake Berryessa in the State of California from the Bureau of Reclamation to the Bureau of Land Management, and for other purposes.

House Report 113-697 (H.R. 4220), To authorize the exchange of certain Federal land and non-Federal land in the State of Minnesota.

House Report 113-698, Part 1, (H.R. 4296), To amend Public Law 94-241 with respect to the Northern Mariana Islands.

House Report 113-699 (H.R. 4534), To amend the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act to require background checks before foster care placements are ordered in tribal court proceedings, and for other purposes.

House Report 113-700 (H.R. 4979), To provide legal certainty to property owners along the Red River in Texas, and for other purposes.

House Report 113-701 (H.R. 5003), To adjust the boundary of the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park to include the Wallis House and Harriston Hill, and for other purposes.

House Report 113-702 (H.R. 5026), To prohibit closing or repurposing any propagation fish hatchery or aquatic species propagation program of the Department of the Interior unless such action is expressly authorized by an Act of Congress, and for other purposes.

House Report 113-703 (H.R. 5139), To correct the boundaries of the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Unit P16.

House Report 113-704 (H.R. 5176), To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to retire coal preference right lease applications for which the Secretary has made an affirmative commercial quantities determination, and for other purposes.

House Report 113-705 (H.R. 5203), To enhance the operation of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission.

House Report 113-706, Part 1, (H.R. 5204), To amend the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act to improve recreation opportunities and increase consistency and accountability in the collection and expenditure of recreation fees collected on public lands and forests, and for other purposes.

House Report 113-707 (H.R. 5476), To modify the Forest Service Recreation Residence Program as the program applies to units of the National Forest System derived from the public domain by implementing a simple, equitable, and predictable procedure for determining cabin user fees, and for other purposes.

House Report 113-708 (S. 311), A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating sites in the Lower Mississippi River Area in the State of Louisiana as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes.

House Report 113-709 (S. 363), A bill to expand geothermal production, and for other purposes.

House Report 113-710 (S. 609), A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land in San Juan County, New Mexico, and for other purposes.

House Report 113-711 (H.R. 4742), To amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to provide flexibility for fishery managers and stability for fishermen, and for other purposes.

House Report 113-712, Part 1 (H.R. 712), To extend the authorization of the Highlands Conservation Act through fiscal year 2024.

House Report 113-713 (S. 354), A bill to modify the boundary of the Oregon Caves National Monument, and for other purposes.

House Report 113-xxx (Activities Report, Final)*, Report on Legislative and Oversight Activities of the Committee on Natural Resources during the 113th Congress, 2nd Session, (January 3 through December 22, 2014) together with Dissenting Views.

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APPENDIX VI

DISSENTING VIEWS

As the result of bipartisan, bicameral negotiations among the Chairs and Ranking Members of the House Natural Resources and Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committees, an agreed-upon package of dozens of park and public lands bills was included in the Fiscal Year 2015 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). These Views will outline our vast, ongoing policy differences with the Majority, but enactment of this package was a significant achievement and the Majority is to be commended for it.

Unfortunately, the rest of the Committee's agenda for the year lacked similar cooperation or success. The Majority passed two, identical, out-of-touch energy packages in 2014, while completely ignoring the real and growing impacts of energy development and fracking on families, communities, landscapes, and wildlife for yet another year. Republicans continue to ignore the safety deficiencies in offshore drilling, enacting no safety reforms since the Deepwater Horizon tragedy, while remaining single-mindedly focused on trying to open up as much of the ocean to drilling, with as little environmental oversight as possible.

The Majority continues to falsely claim that no oil production growth has occurred on public lands when, in the real world, on-shore federal oil production is up 29% and offshore production is forecasted to reach record levels in 2016. The Republican claim that any increases in production are in spite of President Obama reveals the Majority's true agenda: attacking the President. House Republicans continue to ignore sound policies in favor of sound bites.

The Majority has continued their obsession with protecting the rights of coal companies to blast the tops off of Appalachian mountains while ignoring the rights of Appalachian families to clean water and a healthy environment. They brought a bill to the House Floor that would have blocked the Administration's efforts to write a rule to protect mountain streams and forcibly enacted a weaker Bush Administration rule, despite the fact that a court vacated the Bush rule just weeks earlier. The Majority spent years conducting a fruitless investigation into their dream of a scandal surrounding the drafting of the new rule, a fantasy that was put to rest earlier this year by the Interior Department's Inspector General, who found no evidence of improper political influence by the Department or the Administration.

We entered this session with hope that the Committee Majority would welcome our offer to work together on reauthorizing two of the most important statutes within the Committee's jurisdiction: the Endangered Species Act and the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery

Conservation and Management Act. Unfortunately, Republicans dismissed our calls for bipartisanship, and instead rammed through legislation that would have significantly undermined the progress we have made in protecting biodiversity and rebuilding marine fisheries.

The Majority missed another opportunity for bipartisan leadership when it ignored our requests for oversight hearings on the global wildlife poaching and trafficking crisis, and chose instead to pick a political fight with the Obama Administration over its proposal to enforce existing law with respect to importation and trade of African elephant ivory. This proposal will save elephants, as well as human lives, from the organized criminal and terrorist groups that profit from poaching. That Committee Republicans fought this proposal at the behest of the National Rifle Association, and perpetuated the myth that trophy hunting will somehow save elephants, speak volumes about their low level of concern for and understanding of this critical issue.

The Majority's continued assault on the Lacey Act, one of our nation's fundamental conservation laws, is also troubling. Committee Republicans seem intent on taking away tools from law enforcement officers trying to stem the rising tide of natural resources crime in the United States and abroad. Their outrageous claims of abuse of authority have been debunked repeatedly at Committee hearings, and their poster child, Gibson Guitar, has admitted to supporting illegal logging. We hope to spend less time on Lacey in the 114th Congress, particularly in light of a recent study by the U.S. Forest Service which showed that the 2008 amendments are working to keep illegal timber out of the United States.

The Committee continued abdicating its responsibilities regarding our vital insular areas, holding only a budget hearing and one oversight hearing this year. This approach neglects important legislative priorities and leaves serious economic and conservation issues unaddressed. It also ignores significant national security issues.

With respect to water and power, the Majority's agenda has also emphasized undermining landmark environmental laws in order to "streamline" the environmental review process for new dam construction. Ironically, these new "streamlining" proposals only add new layers of bureaucracy to the existing review process.

Instead of working with the Minority to develop a bipartisan bill to address our nation's historic drought, Majority Committee members brought forth two poorly written bills (H.R. 3964, and H.R. 5781), without Committee consideration; both bills would preempt state law, eliminate landmark environmental protections, and privatize a public resource for the benefit of a select few. Meanwhile, the Committee failed to hold a single hearing or advance a single bill to increase water supplies through water recycling and conservation, which are among the fastest methods to increase water supplies.

The Majority failed to address Indian Country's number one priority: land-into-trust procedures after the Carcieri decision. Despite the Minority's insistence, House Republicans refused to even hold a hearing on Carcieri fix bills supported by the Administration, Indian tribes, and Inter-tribal organizations.

While differences of opinion remain, the Majority's refusal to even consider the topic was irresponsible. Meanwhile, the land-into-trust process is progressing even more slowly than usual and the status of many Indian lands is uncertain.

The Majority has also used tribal concerns over implementation of the *Cobell* settlement as a pawn in a political chess game. Ranking Member DeFazio introduced H.R. 4694 in May in order to address the stated concerns of tribes and the Department of the Interior with regard to implementation of the settlement. Instead of granting the Ranking Member's hearing requests, the Majority developed its own, almost identical bill, which quickly received a hearing.

The Majority has also refused to advance bi-partisan, no-cost legislation aimed at strengthening Tribal Self-Governance. Reforms are needed to bring Tribal Self-Governance into the 21st Century and Ranking Member DeFazio's bill, H.R. 4546, would make much-needed changes to the program that Indian Country has called for.

The legislation is universally supported in Indian Country, has no legitimate opposition, is bi-partisan, and would not cost taxpayers a dime, according to the Congressional Budget Office. Despite holding a hearing at which all parties testified in favor of the bill, the Majority refuses to allow it to proceed through the legislative process.

Finally, as the West continues to dry up and catastrophic wildfires burn millions of acres of our nation's forests and cost billions of dollars, the Majority refused to consider bipartisan, bicameral proposals to address wildland fire financing. Failure to do so has devastating budgetary effects, impairing road maintenance, and recreation, conservation, and fire-mitigation activities.

This Committee's record of legislative achievement is better this year than it has been for quite some time. It is our hope that the agreement reached as part of the NDAA is a down-payment on future, bipartisan accomplishments, rather than the high-water mark. A shift in focus away from using the Committee to demonize the President and toward crafting workable solutions to some of the very real natural resource challenges we face will be critical in those efforts.

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