



News from the
Committee on Natural Resources
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The Weekly Preview

April 28 – May 2, 2008

On the House Floor:

- On Tuesday, the **House of Representatives** is expected to consider under suspension of the rules the following 5 bills:
 - [S. 2457](#) (Sen. Lieberman) – A bill to provide for extensions of leases of certain land by Mashantucket Pequot tribe.
 - [H.R. 3522](#) (Tom Udall) – To ratify a conveyance of a portion of the Jicarilla Apache Reservation to Rio Arriba County, State of New Mexico, pursuant to the settlement of litigation between the Jicarilla Apache Nation and Rio Arriba County, State of New Mexico, to authorize issuance of a patent for said lands, and to change the exterior boundary of the Jicarilla Apache Reservation accordingly, and for other purposes.
 - [H.R. 3490](#) (Radanovich) – Tuolumne Me-Wuk Land Transfer Act of 2007.
 - [H. Res. 1043](#) (Fortenberry) – Honoring the life and legacy of Chief Standing Bear, a pioneer in civil rights for Native Americans, on the 100th anniversary of Chief Standing Bear's death.
 - [S. 2739](#) (Sen. Bingaman) – Consolidated Natural Resources Act of 2008.

This Week's Hearings:

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- On Monday, the **Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands** and the **Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans** are holding a joint oversight field hearing on "Walls and Waivers: Expedited Construction of the Southern Border Wall and the Collateral Impacts on Communities and the Environment."

Visit the Committee's Web site to access [witness testimony](#) at the start of the hearing. (*April 28, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. CST, Lecture Hall, Science, Engineering and Technology Building (SET-B), University of Texas-Brownsville*)

- On Wednesday, the **Committee on Natural Resources** will meet in open markup session to consider the following 11 bills:
 - [H.R. 3323](#) (Capps): To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey a water distribution system to the Goleta Water District, and for other purposes. "*Goleta Water Distribution System Conveyance Act of 2007*"
 - [H.R. 2649](#) (Bilbray): To make amendments to the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992.
 - [H.R. 4841](#) (Bono Mack): To approve, ratify, and confirm the settlement agreement entered into to resolve claims by the Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians relating to alleged interferences with the water resources of the Tribe, to authorize and direct the Secretary of the Interior to execute and perform the Settlement Agreement and related waivers, and for other purposes. "*Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians Settlement Act*"
 - [H.R. 5618](#) (Bordallo): To reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act, and for other purposes. "*National Sea Grant College Program Amendments Act of 2008*"
 - [H.R. 1464](#) (T. Udall): To assist in the conservation of rare felids and rare canids by supporting and providing financial resources for the conservation programs of nations within the range of rare felid and rare canid populations and projects of persons with demonstrated expertise in the conservation of rare felid and rare canid populations. "*Great Cats and Rare Canids Act of 2007*"
 - [H.R. 1771](#) (Baldwin): To assist in the conservation of cranes by supporting and providing, through projects of persons and organizations with expertise in crane conservation, financial resources for the conservation programs of countries the activities of which directly or indirectly affect cranes and the ecosystems of cranes. "*Crane Conservation Act of 2007*"
 - [H.R. 5540](#) (Sarbanes): To amend the Chesapeake Bay Initiative Act of 1998 to provide for the continuing authorization of the Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network. "*Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network Continuing Authorization Act*"
 - [H.R. 3667](#) (Welch): To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of the Missisquoi and Trout Rivers in the State of Vermont for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System. "*Missisquoi and Trout Rivers Wild and Scenic River Study Act of 2007*"

- [H.R. 3981](#) (Brad Miller): To authorize the Preserve America Program and Save America's Treasures Program, and for other purposes. *"Preserve America and Save America's Treasures Act"*
- [H.R. 3930](#) (Pearce): To provide for a land exchange involving State land and Bureau of Land Management land in Chavez and Dona Ana Counties, New Mexico, and to establish the Lesser Prairie Chicken National Habitat Preservation Area, and for other purposes. *"Lesser Prairie Chicken National Habitat Preservation Area Act of 2007"*
- [H.R. 5680](#) (Grijalva): To amend certain laws relating to Native Americans, and for others purposes.

Visit the Committee's Web site to view the [markup report](#) following the markup. (April 30, 2008, at 1:00 p.m., Room 1324 Longworth House Office Building)

In Case You Missed It:

- On April 22, the **House of Representatives** approved the following 4 bills:
 - [H.R. 3513](#) (DeFazio): Copper Salmon Wilderness Act
 - [H.R. 5151](#) (Rahall): Wild Monongahela Act: A National Legacy for West Virginia's Special Places
 - [H.R. 831](#) (Don Young): Coffman Cove Administrative Site Conveyance Act
 - [H.R. 3734](#) (Simpson): Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area Act

Quotable Quotes:

"To be in a wilderness area is, to me, a humbling experience. To be a part of designating wilderness is even more humbling, because the ultimate goal in protecting these areas is to retain the landscape as God created it."

– Chairman Nick J. Rahall (D-WV), during the April 22, 2008 floor debate in the U.S. House of Representatives on [H.R. 5151](#).

Calendar:

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Monday 4/28	Tuesday 4/29	Wednesday 4/30	Thursday 5/01	Friday 5/02
Joint Oversight Field Hearing (10:00 AM)		Full Committee Markup (1:00 PM)		

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