



News from the Committee on Natural Resources

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The Weekly Preview

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This Week's Hearings:

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- On Wednesday, the **Committee on Natural Resources** will meet in open markup session to consider the following bills:
 - [H.R. 31](#) (McIntyre): To provide for the recognition of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, and for other purposes. "*Lumbee Recognition Act*"
 - [H.R. 1385](#) (Moran): To extend Federal recognition to the Chickahominy Indian Tribe, the Chickahominy Indian Tribe-Eastern Division, the Upper Mattaponi Tribe, the Rappahannock Tribe, Inc., the Monacan Indian Nation, and the Nansemond Indian Tribe. "*Thomasina E. Jordan Indian Tribes of Virginia Federal Recognition Act of 2009*"
 - [H.R. 860](#) (Bordallo): To reauthorize the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000, and for other purposes. "*Coral Reef Conservation Act Reauthorization and Enhancement Amendments of 2009*"
 - [H.R. 934](#) (Sablan): To convey certain submerged lands to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in order to give that territory the same benefits in its submerged lands as Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa have in their submerged lands.

Visit the Committee's Web site to view the [markup report](#) following the markup. (April 22, 2009, at 10:00 a.m., Room 1324 Longworth House Office Building.)

- On Thursday, the **Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands** will receive testimony on the following bills:
 - [H.R. 1121](#) (Foxx): To authorize a land exchange to acquire lands for the Blue Ridge Parkway from the Town of Blowing Rock, North Carolina, and for other purposes. "*Blue Ridge Parkway and Town of Blowing Rock Land Exchange Act of 2009*"

- [H.R. 1376](#) (Chet Edwards): To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish the Waco Mammoth National Monument in the State of Texas. *“Waco Mammoth National Monument Establishment Act of 2009”*

Visit the Committee’s Web site to access [witness testimony](#) following the conclusion of the hearing. (*April 23, 2009, at 10:00 a.m., Room 1334 Longworth House Office Building*)

- Also on Thursday, the **Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife** will receive testimony on the following bill:
 - [H.R. 669](#) (Bordallo): To prevent the introduction and establishment of nonnative wildlife species that negatively impact the economy, environment, or other animal species' or human health, and for other purposes. *“Nonnative Wildlife Invasion Prevention Act”*

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Quotable Quote:

“The impacts of climate change on our federal lands are staggering. Science shows that climate change will cause a spread of invasive species, threaten native species, endanger watersheds, cause habitat loss, and increase the intensity and length of the fire season on our public lands.”

– *Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands Chairman Raúl Grijalva (D-AZ), during his opening remarks at an April 7, 2009 Subcommittee oversight field hearing on “The Impacts of Climate Change on America’s National Parks” in Twentynine Palms, California. Visit the Committee’s Web site to access [witness testimony](#) from the hearing or Chairman Grijalva’s [opening remarks](#).*

Calendar:

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Monday 4/20	Tuesday 4/21	Wednesday 4/22	Thursday 4/23	Friday 4/24
		Full Committee Markup (10:00 AM)	Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands Legislative Hearing (10:00 AM) Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife Legislative Hearing (10:00 AM)	

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