



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 Tuesday, the **Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife** will receive testimony on the following bills:
 - [H.R. 509](#) (H. Brown): To reauthorize the Marine Turtle Conservation Act of 2004. *"Marine Turtle Conservation Reauthorization Act of 2009"*
 - [H.R. 556](#) (Farr): To establish a program of research, recovery, and other activities to provide for the recovery of the southern sea otter. *"Southern Sea Otter Recovery and Research Act"*
 - [H.R. 1454](#) (H. Brown): To provide for the issuance of a Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp. *"Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp Act of 2009"*

Visit the Committee's Web site to access [witness testimony](#) following the conclusion of the hearing. (May 5, 2009, at 10 a.m., Room 1324 Longworth House Office Building)

- Later on Tuesday, the **Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands** will receive testimony on the following bill:
 - [H.R. 980](#) (Maloney): To designate certain National Forest System lands and public lands under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior in the states of Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, and Wyoming as wilderness, wild and scenic rivers, wildland recovery areas and biological connecting corridors, and for other purposes. *"Northern Rockies Ecosystem Protection Act"*

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In Case You Missed It:

- On April 29, the **Committee on Natural Resources** approved the following bills:
 - [H.R. 1018](#) (Rahall): To amend the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act to improve the management and long-term health of wild free-roaming horses and burros, and for other purposes.
 - [H.R. 689](#) (Herger): To interchange the administrative jurisdiction of certain Federal lands between the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management, and for other purposes.

Quotable Quote:

“Nearly half of American wild mustangs stand captive in federal holding facilities. And the agency charged with their safe keeping, the Bureau of Land Management, now publicly speaks of killing these majestic creatures as a solution to a burgeoning budgetary problem. While Americans cheer on the thoroughbreds at Churchill Downs this Saturday, I would submit that the plight of the American mustang is not something of which we can be proud.”

– *Chairman Rahall, at an April 29, 2009 Full Committee markup of the “**Restoring Our American Mustangs (ROAM) Act**” (H.R. 1018), legislation Rahall introduced to ensure the continued protection of the thousands of wild horses and burros that roam the Nation’s public lands, which have recently become threatened by Bureau of Land Management (BLM) plans to slaughter otherwise healthy animals. Visit the Committee’s Web site to view the [markup report](#) or [press release](#) with additional information.*

Calendar:

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Monday 5/4	Tuesday 5/5	Wednesday 5/6	Thursday 5/7	Friday 5/8
	Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife Legislative Hearing (10:00 AM) Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands Legislative Hearing (2:00 PM)			

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