



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 National Parks, Forests and Public Lands** and the **Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife** will hold a joint oversight field hearing on "The Impacts of Climate Change on the Chesapeake Bay." Spanning 64,000 square miles, the Chesapeake Bay is the largest estuary in North America. In addition to supporting substantial biological diversity, it is home to iconic historical and cultural resources managed by the National Park Service. The hearing will examine the coordinated efforts of federal agencies, states, and other interested parties to manage this important region under the stresses of global climate change.

Visit the Committee's Web site to access [witness testimony](#) following the conclusion of the hearing. (June 23, 2009, at 10:00 a.m., Smithsonian Environmental Research Center, 647 Contees Wharf Road, Edgewater, Maryland)

- On Wednesday, the **Committee on Natural Resources** will receive testimony on the following bill:
 - [H.R. 2499](#) (Pierluisi): To provide for a federally sanctioned self-determination process for the people of Puerto Rico. "Puerto Rico Democracy Act of 2009"

Visit the Committee's Web site to access [witness testimony](#) following the conclusion of the hearing. (June 24, 2009, at 10:00 a.m., Room 1324 Longworth House Office Building)

- On Thursday, the **Committee on Natural Resources** will receive testimony on the following bill:

- [H.R. 2708](#) (Pallone): To amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend that Act, and for other purposes. *"Indian Health Care Improvement Act Amendments of 2009"*

Visit the Committee's Web site to access [witness testimony](#) following the conclusion of the hearing. (*June 25, 2009, at 10:00 a.m., Room 1324 Longworth House Office Building*)

Quotable Quote:

"The mountain pine beetle, an insect no bigger than a grain of rice, has killed millions of acres of pine trees across the West and continues to spread unabated. The death of those trees threatens the very existence of Western communities and their residents. While presently most of the mountain pine beetle kill areas are found in Colorado and Wyoming, we should not make the mistake of thinking that the beetle won't continue to spread, infesting and killing massive numbers of trees in other states throughout the entire West."

– *Subcommittee on Water and Power Chairwoman Grace Napolitano (D-CA), at a June 16, 2009 joint Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands and Subcommittee on Water and Power oversight hearing on "Mountain Pine Beetle: Strategies for Protecting the West."* Visit the Committee's Web site to access [witness testimony](#), [view archived video](#) of the hearing, and read Chairwoman Napolitano's [opening remarks](#) and Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands Chairman Raúl Grijalva's (D-AZ) [opening remarks](#).

Calendar:

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Monday 6/22	Tuesday 6/23	Wednesday 6/24	Thursday 6/25	Friday 6/26
	Joint Subcommittee Oversight Field Hearing (10:00 AM)	Full Committee Legislative Hearing (10:00 AM)	Full Committee Legislative Hearing (10:00 AM)	

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