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Committee on Natural Resources
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The Weekly Preview

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This Week's Hearings and Markups:

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- On Wednesday, the **Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife** will receive testimony on the following 3 bills:
 - **H.R. 1771** (Sarbanes): To reauthorize the Chesapeake Bay Office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and for other purposes. *"Chesapeake Bay Science, Education, and Ecosystem Enhancement Act of 2009"*
 - **H.R. 1053** (Wittman): 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. *"Chesapeake Bay Accountability and Recovery Act of 2009"*
 - **H.R. 905** (Stupak): To expand the boundaries of the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve, and for other purposes. *"Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve Boundary Modification Act"*

Visit the Committee's Web site to access [witness testimony](#) following the conclusion of the hearing. (July 8, 2009, at 10:00 a.m., Room 1324 Longworth House Office Building)

- Also on Wednesday, the **Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands** will receive testimony on the following 5 bills:
 - **H.R. 481** (Oberstar): To revise the authorized route of the North Country National Scenic Trail in northeastern Minnesota to include existing hiking trails along Lake Superior's north shore and in Superior National Forest and Chippewa National Forest. *"North Country National Scenic Trail Route Adjustment Act of 2009"*

- **H.R. 685** (Clay): To require a study of the feasibility of establishing the United States Civil Rights Trail System. *"United States Civil Rights Trail System Act of 2009"*
- **H.R. 1593** (Larsen): 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. 2167** (Cuellar): To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to assess the suitability and feasibility of designating certain lands as the Los Caminos del Rio National Heritage Corridor.
- **H.R. 2806** (Hastings): 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.

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- On Thursday, the **Committee on Natural Resources** will meet in open markup session to consider the following 5 bills:
 - **H.R. 2314** (Abercrombie): To express the policy of the United States regarding the United States relationship with Native Hawaiians and to provide a process for the recognition by the United States of the Native Hawaiian governing entity. *"Native Hawaiian Government Reorganization Act of 2009"*
 - **H.R. 1061** (Dicks): To transfer certain land to the United States to be held in trust for the Hoh Indian Tribe, to place land into trust for the Hoh Indian Tribe, and for other purposes. *"Hoh Indian Tribe Safe Homelands Act"*
 - **H.R. 715** (Grijalva): To expand the boundary of Saguaro National Park, to study additional land for future adjustments to the boundary of the Park, and for other purposes. *"Saguaro National Park Boundary Expansion and Study 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"*

- **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"*

Visit the Committee's Web site to view the [markup report](#) following the markup. (July 9, 2009, at 10:00 a.m., Room 1324 Longworth House Office Building.)

Quotable Quote:

"As the Congress begins an historic debate over the cost, quality and accessibility of health care for the American people, today this Committee is commencing a process to ensure that Indian Country has a seat at the table...I am here this morning to say we will rise to the challenge. The fact of the matter is that the United States has an obligation to provide American Indians with health care on reservations. Yet the reality is that on some reservations, the refrain is "don't get sick after June" when the federal funds are depleted."

– House Natural Resources Committee Chairman Nick J. Rahall (D-WV) at a June 25, 2009, Full Committee legislative hearing on the "Indian Health Care Improvements Act of 2009" (H.R. 2708). Visit the Committee's Web site to access [witness testimony](#), [view archived video](#) of the hearing, and read Chairman Rahall's [opening remarks](#) from the hearing.

Calendar:

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Monday 7/6	Tuesday 7/7	Wednesday 7/8	Thursday 7/9	Friday 7/10
		Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife Legislative Hearing (10:00 AM) Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands Legislative Hearing (10:00 AM)	Full Committee Markup (10:00 AM)	

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