



News from the
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 **Committee on Natural Resources** will receive testimony on the following 4 bills:
 - [H.R. 2678](#) (McDermott): To extend Federal recognition to the Duwamish Tribe, and for other purposes. "*Duwamish Tribal Recognition Act*"
 - [H.R. 1358](#) (Stupak): To reaffirm and clarify the Federal relationship of the Burt Lake Band as a distinct federally recognized Indian Tribe, and for other purposes. "*Burt Lake Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians Reaffirmation Act*"
 - [H.R. 3084](#) (Baird): To restore Federal recognition to the Chinook Nation, and for other purposes. "*Chinook Nation Restoration Act*"
 - [H.R. 3120](#) (Rehberg): To extend the Federal relationship to the Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Montana as a distinct federally recognized Indian tribe, and for other purposes. "*Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians Restoration Act of 2009*"

Visit the Committee's Web site to access [witness testimony](#) following the conclusion of the hearing. (*July 15, 2009, at 10:00 a.m., Room 1324 Longworth House Office Building*)

In Case You Missed It:

- Last week, the **House of Representatives** approved the following 3 bills under the jurisdiction of the House Natural Resources Committee:
 - [HR 1129](#) (Lynch): To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide an annual grant to facilitate an iron working training program for Native Americans.

- [HR 1275](#) (Matheson): To direct the exchange of certain land in Grand, San Juan, and Uintah Counties, Utah, and for other purposes. *“Utah Recreational Land Exchange Act of 2009”*
- [HR 1945](#) (Nunes): To require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on the feasibility and suitability of constructing a storage reservoir, outlet works, and a delivery system for the Tule River Indian Tribe of the Tule River Reservation in the State of California to provide a water supply for domestic, municipal, industrial, and agricultural purposes, and for other purposes. *“Tule River Tribe Water Development Act”*
- On July 9, the **Committee on Natural Resources** approved the following 4 bills:
 - [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”*

Quotable Quote:

“I would like to start out this morning by recognizing the great contribution the people of Puerto Rico have made to the defense of the United States. To the families who have lost a husband, a father, a daughter, or a son, in our wars, I take this moment to salute you. We can debate political status. But what is not subject of debate is the patriotism of the people of Puerto Rico.”

– House Natural Resources Committee Chairman Nick J. Rahall (D-WV) at a June 24, 2009, Full Committee legislative hearing on the **“Puerto Rico Democracy Act of 2009” (H.R. 2499)**. 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 7/13	Tuesday 7/14	Wednesday 7/15	Thursday 7/16	Friday 7/17
		Full Committee Legislative Hearing (10:00 AM)		

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