



The Weekly Preview

November 16 – 20, 2009

This Week's Hearings and Markups

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- On Tuesday, the **Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands** will receive testimony on the following bills:
 - [H.R. 2889](#) (DeFazio): To modify the boundary of the Oregon Caves National Monument, and for other purposes. *"Oregon Caves National Monument Boundary Adjustment Act of 2009"*
 - [H.R. 3339](#) (Heinrich): To reauthorize the Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act, and for other purposes. *"FLTFA Reauthorization Act of 2009"*
 - [H.R. 3444](#) (Farr): To establish Pinnacles National Park in the State of California as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes. *"Pinnacles National Park Act"*
 - [H.R. 3538](#) (Simpson): To authorize the continued use of certain water diversions located on National Forest System land in the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness and the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness in the State of Idaho, and for other purposes. *"Idaho Wilderness Water Resources Protection Act"*
 - [H.R. 3726](#) (Christensen): To establish the Castle Nugent National Historic Site at St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands, and for other purposes. *"Castle Nugent National Historic Site Establishment Act of 2009"*

Visit the Committee's Web site to access [witness testimony](#) following the conclusion of the hearing. (November 17, 2009, at 2:00 p.m., Room 1324 Longworth House Office Building)

- On Wednesday, the **Committee on Natural Resources** will meet in open markup session to consider the following bills:
 - [H.R. 1672](#) (Larsen): To reauthorize the Northwest Straits Marine Conservation Initiative Act to promote the protection of the resources of the Northwest Straits, and for other purposes. *“Northwest Straits Marine Conservation Initiative Reauthorization Act of 2009”*
 - [H.R. 2062](#) (DeFazio): To amend the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to provide for penalties and enforcement for intentionally taking protected avian species, and for other purposes. *“Migratory Bird Treaty Act Penalty and Enforcement Act of 2009”*
 - [H.R. 3644](#) (Capps): To direct the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to establish education and watershed programs which advance environmental literacy, including preparedness and adaptability for the likely impacts of climate change in coastal watershed regions. *“Bay-Watershed Education and Training (B-WET) Regional Program and National Environmental Literacy Grant Program Act”*
 - [H.R. 3940](#) (Bordallo): To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to extend grants and other assistance to facilitate a political status public education program for the people of Guam.
 - [H.R. 2288](#) (Salazar): To amend Public Law 106-392 to maintain annual base funding for the Upper Colorado and San Juan fish recovery programs through fiscal year 2023. *“Endangered Fish Recovery Programs Improvement Act of 2009”*
 - [H.R. 3603](#) (Marshall): To rename the Ocmulgee National Monument.
 - [H.R. 3759](#) (DeFazio): To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to grant economy-related contract extensions of a certain timber contracts between the Secretary of the Interior and timber purchasers, and for other purposes. *“BLM Contract Extension Act”*
 - [H.R. 3804](#) (Tonko): To make technical corrections to various Acts affecting the National Park Service, to extend, amend, or establish certain National Park Service authorities, and for other purposes. *“National Park Service Authorities and Corrections Act of 2009”*
 - [H.R. 3388](#) (Forbes): To modify the boundary of Petersburg National Battlefield in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and for other purposes. *“Petersburg National Battlefield Boundary Modification Act”*

Visit the Committee’s Web site to view the [markup report](#) following the markup. (November 18, 2009, at 10:00 a.m., Room 1324 Longworth House Office Building)

Quotable Quote

“In my view, this decision strikes at the heart of tribal sovereignty, the ability to provide governmental services for tribal members, and the exercise of tribal jurisdiction over its land. A land base is necessary for all governments, including Indian tribes. But for Indian tribes, the land must be placed into trust in order for the tribe to realize the fullest benefits of the land. As a result of this Supreme Court decision, however, a dark cloud hangs over Indian Country. It is a cloud that may cast a pallor over land that is used for housing, protection of sacred sites, to build schools and health clinics, to provide for economic development, and for many other purposes.”

– Chairman Nick J. Rahall (D-WV), at a November 4, 2009, Full Committee hearing on legislation that would reaffirm the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to take land into trust for Indian tribes ([H.R. 3742](#) and [H.R. 3697](#)), which was called into question by the U.S. Supreme Court decision *Carcieri v. Salazar* ([129 S. Ct. 1058 \(2009\)](#)). Visit the Committee’s Web site to access [witness testimony](#), view [video](#) of the hearing, or read Chairman Rahall’s [opening remarks](#) from the hearing.

Calendar

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Monday 11/16	Tuesday 11/17	Wednesday 11/18	Thursday 11/19	Friday 11/20
	Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands Legislative Hearing (2:00 PM)	Full Committee Markup (10:00 AM)		

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