



## The Weekly Preview

February 8 – 12, 2010

### *This Week's Hearings and Markups*

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- On Wednesday, the **Committee on Natural Resources** will meet in open markup session to consider the following bills:
  - [H.R. 1078](#) (Arcuri): To establish the Harriet Tubman National Historical Park in Auburn, New York, and the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Historical Park in Caroline, Dorchester, and Talbot Counties, Maryland, and for other purposes. *"Harriet Tubman National Historical Park and Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Historical Park Act"*
  - [H.R. 4003](#) (Hinchey): To direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to evaluate resources in the Hudson River Valley in the State of New York to determine the suitability and feasibility of establishing the site as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes. *"Hudson River Valley Special Resource Study Act"*
  - [H.R. 4192](#) (Mike Thompson): To designate the Stornetta Public Lands as an Outstanding Natural Area to be administered as a part of the National Landscape Conservation System, and for other purposes. *"Stornetta Public Lands Outstanding Natural Area Act of 2009"*
  - [H.R. 1738](#) (Roybal-Allard): To amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the city of Downey, California, regional wastewater treatment and reclamation facility projects. *"Downey Regional Water Reclamation and Groundwater Augmentation Project of 2009"*

- [H.R. 4252](#) (Baca): To direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of water resources in the Rialto-Colton Basin in the State of California, and for other purposes. *“Inland Empire Perchlorate Ground Water Plume Assessment Act of 2009”*
- [H.R. 765](#) (Heller): To establish the Nellis Dunes National Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Area, and for other purposes. *“Nellis Dunes National Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Area Act of 2009”*
- [H.R. 1769](#) (Reichert): To expand the Alpine Lakes Wilderness in the State of Washington, to designate the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River and Pratt River as wild and scenic rivers, and for other purposes. *“Alpine Lakes Wilderness Additions and Pratt and Middle Fork Snoqualmie Rivers Protection Act”*
- [H.R. 2788](#) (Calvert): To designate a Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial at the March Field Air Museum in Riverside, California. *“Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial Act”*
- [H.R. 4395](#) (Platts): To revise the boundaries of the Gettysburg National Military Park to include the Gettysburg Train Station, and for other purposes.

Visit the Committee’s Web site to view the [markup report](#) following the markup. *(February 10, 2010, at 10:00 a.m., Room 1324 Longworth House Office Building)*

- On Thursday, the **Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands** will receive testimony from the Director of the National Park Service (NPS), Director of the Bureau of Land Management, and Chief of the Forest Service regarding the Obama Administration’s Fiscal Year 2011 budget request for these three agencies. This will be the first appearance before the Committee for NPS Director Jonathan Jarvis and Forest Service Chief Thomas Tidwell. While the overall funding levels requested for these agencies remain essentially flat from FY 2010, dramatic changes are proposed for specific programs and line items.

Visit the Committee’s Web site to access [witness testimony](#) following the conclusion of the hearing. *(February 11, 2010, at 10:00 a.m., Room 1324 Longworth House Office Building)*

- Also on Thursday, the **Subcommittee on Water and Power** will receive testimony on the following bills:
  - [H.R. 4349](#) (Napolitano): To further allocate and expand the availability of hydroelectric power generated at Hoover Dam, and for other purposes. *“Hoover Power Allocation Act of 2009”*
  - [H.R. 4579](#) (Filner): To amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in phase one of the South San Diego County Water Reclamation Project, and for other purposes. *“South San Diego County Water Reclamation Project of 2009”*

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- Later on Thursday, the **Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife** will hold an oversight hearing on the 15<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES). International wildlife trade is estimated to be worth billions of dollars annually and includes hundreds of millions of plants and animals. CITES seeks to regulate the worldwide trade in threatened and endangered species in an effort to safeguard them from overexploitation. This oversight hearing will focus on the Obama Administration’s position on proposals to protect certain species, including African elephants, tigers, and Atlantic bluefin tuna.

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### Quotable Quote

“While the Interior Department has also been forced to tighten its belt during these times of fiscal austerity, I commend Secretary Salazar for continuing our historic march to fully fund the Land and Water Conservation Fund with a proposed 29 percent increase over current year levels. The LWCF's preservation, protection, and development of parks, trails, and other outdoor spaces and facilities will go a long way in encouraging job creation and stimulating local economies - a sorely needed boost during the tough economic times we continue to face. I am pleased that the Administration shares the Congress' commitment to the merits of the LWCF program.”

– *Chairman Nick J. Rahall (D-WV), reacting to the release of President Obama’s proposed FY 2011 budget for the Department of the Interior on February 1, 2010.*

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## Calendar

<b>Monday 2/8</b>	<b>Tuesday 2/9</b>	<b>Wednesday 2/10</b>	<b>Thursday 2/11</b>	<b>Friday 2/12</b>
		Full Committee Markup (10:00 AM)	Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands Oversight Hearing (10:00 AM)  Subcommittee on Water and Power Legislative Hearing (10:00 AM)  Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife Oversight Hearing (2:00 PM)	

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