



The Weekly Preview

May 10 – 14, 2010

This Week's Hearings and Markups

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- On Thursday, the **Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources** will hold an oversight hearing on "Up in the Air: The BLM's Disappearing Helium Program." The Subcommittee will examine the Federal Helium Program, which provides over half of the refined helium consumed in the U.S. and approximately one-third of the helium consumed worldwide. The Subcommittee will receive testimony on recommendations made in a 2010 report by the National Research Council of the National Academies.

Visit the Committee's Web site to access [witness testimony](#) following the conclusion of the hearing. (May 13, 2010, at 10:00 a.m., Room 1324 Longworth House Office Building)

In Case You Missed It

- On May 5, the **Committee on Natural Resources** reported 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. 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. 4438](#) (Ciro Rodriguez): To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into an agreement to lease space from a nonprofit group or other government entity for a park headquarters at San Antonio Missions National Historical Park, to expand the boundary of the Park, to conduct a study of potential land acquisitions, and for other purposes. "*San Antonio Missions National Historical Park Leasing and Boundary Expansion Act of 2010*"
- [H.R. 4491](#) (Speier): To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of alternatives for commemorating and interpreting the role of the Buffalo Soldiers in the early years of the National Parks, and for other purposes. "*Buffalo Soldiers in the National Parks Study Act*"
- [H.R. 4493](#) (Bordallo): To provide for the enhancement of visitor services, fish and wildlife research, and marine and coastal resource management on Guam related to the Marianas Trench Marine National Monument, and for other purposes. "*Bonitan Tasi*" or "*Marianas Trench Marine National Monument Management Enhancement Act of 2010*"
- [H.R. 3511](#) (Sablan): To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish and operate a visitor facility to fulfill the purposes of the Marianas Trench Marine National Monument, and for other purposes. "*Marianas Trench Marine National Monument Visitor Facility Authorization Act of 2009*"
- [H.RES. 1254](#) (Doc Hastings): Directing the Secretary of the Interior to transmit to the House of Representatives certain information relating to the Secretary's Treasured Landscape Initiative, potential designation of National Monuments, and High Priority Land-Rationalization Efforts.

Quotable Quote

"My thoughts and prayers continue to be with the loved ones of those who were injured and those lost in this tragic explosion in the Gulf of Mexico. Having recently experienced the loss of 29 hard-working miners in my district, I know that the healing process is just beginning. Much as stabilizing and securing the mine was the number one priority at the Upper Big Branch mine in West Virginia, the number one priority in the Gulf right now is to plug the well."

—Chairman Nick J. Rahall III (D-WV), on May 5, 2010, reacting to the tragic Deepwater Horizon oil rig explosion in the Gulf of Mexico. Visit the Committee's Web site to view the [press release](#).

Calendar

Monday 5/10	Tuesday 5/11	Wednesday 5/12	Thursday 5/13	Friday 5/14
			Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources Oversight Hearing (10:00 AM)	

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