



The Weekly Preview

June 21 – 25, 2010

This Week's Hearings and Markups

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- On Wednesday, the **Committee on Natural Resources** will receive testimony on the following bill:
 - [H.R. 5479](#) (Rahall): To amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to provide for use of excess funds available under that Act to Provide for certain benefits, and for other purposes. *"Coal Accountability and Retired Employee Act of 2010"*

Visit the Committee's Web site to access [witness testimony](#) following the conclusion of the hearing. (*June 23, 2010, at 10:00 a.m., Room 1324 Longworth House Office Building*)

- On Thursday, the **Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife** will hold an oversight hearing on "State Planning for Offshore Energy Development: Standards for Preparedness." As part of the investigation into the Deepwater Horizon oil rig explosion in the Gulf of Mexico, the Subcommittee will receive testimony from State, local, and non-governmental representatives on current planning requirements under the law for responding to major oil spills.

Visit the Committee's Web site to access [witness testimony](#) following the conclusion of the hearing. (*June 24, 2010, at 10:00 a.m., Room 1324 Longworth House Office Building*)

- Also on Thursday, the **Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands** will receive testimony on the following bills:
 - [H.R. 4195](#) (Farr): To authorize the Peace Corps Commemorative Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, and for other purposes.

- [H.R. 5192](#) (Lummis): To require the Secretary of Agriculture to designate national forests or portions of national forests in western States as locations for demonstration projects to prevent or mitigate the effect of pine beetle infestations and conduct forest restoration activities, to authorize the emergency removal of dead and dying trees to address public safety risks, to make permanent the stewardship contracting authorities available to the Forest Service, and for other purposes. *“Forest Ecosystem Recovery and Protection Act”*
- [H.R. 5388](#) (Heinrich): To expand the boundaries of the Cibola National Forest in New Mexico.
- [H.R. 5494](#) (Norton): To direct the Director of the National Park Service and the Secretary of the Interior to transfer certain properties to the District of Columbia.

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In Case You Missed It

- On June 16, the **Committee on Natural Resources** reported the following bills:
 - [H.RES. 1406](#) (Doc Hastings): Directing the Secretary of the Interior to transmit to the House of Representatives certain information relating to the potential designation of National Monuments.
 - [H.R. 1554](#) (Boren): To take certain property in McIntosh County, Oklahoma, into trust for the benefit of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, and for other purposes. *“Fountainhead Property Land Transfer Act”*
 - [H.R. 4445](#) (Heinrich): To amend Public Law 95-232 to repeal a restriction on treating as Indian country certain lands held in trust for Indian pueblos in New Mexico. *“Indian Pueblo Cultural Center Clarification Act”*
 - [H.R. 2340](#) (Don Young): To resolve the claims of the Bering Straits Native Corporation and the State of Alaska to land adjacent to Salmon Lake in the State of Alaska and to provide for the conveyance to the Bering Straits Native Corporation of certain other public land in partial satisfaction of the land entitlement of the Corporation under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. *“Salmon Lake Land Selection Resolution Act”*

- [H.R. 3914](#) (Salazar): To designate certain lands in San Miguel, Ouray, and San Juan Counties, Colorado, as wilderness, and for other purposes. "*San Juan Mountains Wilderness Act of 2009*"
- [H.R. 3923](#) (Polis): To provide for the exchange of certain land located in the Arapaho-Roosevelt National Forests in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes. "*Sugar Loaf Fire Protection District Land Exchange Act of 2009*"
- [H.R. 3967](#) (Cummings): To amend the National Great Black Americans Commemoration Act of 2004 to authorize appropriations through fiscal year 2015.
- [H.R. 4514](#) (Clay): To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of designating the Colonel Charles Young Home in Xenia, Ohio as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes. "*Colonel Charles Young Home Study Act*"
- [H.R. 4686](#) (Sablan): To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating prehistoric, historic, and limestone forest sites on Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as a unit of the National Park System. "*Rota Cultural and Natural Resources Study Act*"
- [H.R. 3989](#) (Lummis): To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of adding the Heart Mountain Relocation Center, in the State of Wyoming, as a unit of the National Park System. "*Heart Mountain Relocation Center Study Act of 2009*"
- [H.R. 4773](#) (Kingston): To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to lease certain lands within Fort Pulaski National Monument, and for other purposes. "*Fort Pulaski National Monument Lease Authorization Act*"
- [H.R. 4973](#) (Kratovil): To amend the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 to reauthorize volunteer programs and community partnerships for national wildlife refuges, and for other purposes. "*National Wildlife Refuge Volunteer Improvement Act of 2010*"
- [H.R. 2864](#) (Don Young): To amend the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998 to authorize funds to acquire hydrographic data and provide hydrographic services specific to the Arctic for safe navigation, delineating the United States extended continental shelf, and the monitoring and description of coastal changes.

Quotable Quote

“We need to know how much oil has spilled and continues to spill into the Gulf. We need to know the trajectory and fate of this oil and dispersant at the surface and in the water column. We need to collect and integrate baseline environmental data to properly assess natural resource damages. This information is critical to our response and recovery activities because what gets measured gets managed.”

– *Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife Subcommittee Chairwoman Madeleine Z. Bordallo (D-GU), at a June 15, 2010, Subcommittee oversight hearing on “Ocean Science and Data Limits in a Time of Crisis: Do NOAA and the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) have the Resources to Respond?” Visit the Committee’s Web site to access [witness testimony](#), read Subcommittee Chairwoman Bordallo’s [opening statement](#), or view [archived video](#) from the hearing.*

Calendar

Monday 6/21	Tuesday 6/22	Wednesday 6/23	Thursday 6/24	Friday 6/25
		Full Committee Legislative Hearing (10:00 AM)	Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife Oversight Hearing (10:00 AM) Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands Legislative Hearing (10:00 AM)	

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