



## The Weekly Preview

July 19 – 23, 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. 2523](#) (Heinrich): To amend the Act titled "An Act to authorize the leasing of restricted Indian lands for public, religious, educational, recreational, residential, business, and other purposes requiring the grant of long-term leases", approved August 9, 1955, to provide for Indian tribes to enter into certain leases without prior express approval from the Secretary of the Interior. *"Helping Expedite and Advance Responsible Tribal Homeownership (HEARTH) Act"*
  - [H.R. 4347](#) (Boren): To amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to provide further self-governance by Indian tribes, and for other purposes. *"Department of the Interior Tribal Self-Governance Act of 2009"*
  - [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 (CARE) Act of 2010"*
  - [H.R. 4888](#) (Doc Hastings): To revise the Forest Service Recreation Residence Program as it applies to units of the National Forest System derived from the public domain by implementing a simple, equitable, and predictable procedure for determining cabin user fees, and for other purposes. *"Cabin Fee Act of 2010"*
  - [H.R. 4416](#) (George Miller): To reauthorize the Great Ape Conservation Act, and for other purposes. *"Great Ape Conservation Reauthorization Amendments Act of 2010"*

- [H.R. 3785](#) (David Scott): To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the suitability and feasibility of expanding the boundary of Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area. *“Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area Boundary Study Act of 2009”*
- [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. 4823](#) (Kirkpatrick): To establish the Sedona-Red Rock National Scenic Area in the Coconino National Forest, Arizona, and for other purposes. *“Sedona-Red Rock National Scenic Area Act of 2010”*
- [H.R. 5110](#) (Kirkpatrick): To modify the boundary of the Casa Grande Ruins National Monument, and for other purposes. *“Casa Grande Ruins National Monument Boundary Modification Act of 2010”*
- [H.R. 5131](#) (Larson): To establish Coltsville National Historical Park in the State of Connecticut, and for other purposes. *“Coltsville National Historical Park Act”*
- [H.R. 5388](#) (Heinrich): To expand the boundaries of the Cibola National Forest in the State of 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.
- [H.R. 5152](#) (Gingrey): To adjust the boundary of the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park to include the Wallis House and Harriston Hill, and for other purposes. *“Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Boundary Adjustment Act of 2010”*
- [H.R. 5194](#) (McKeon): To designate a mountain peak in Southern California as Mt. Andrea Lawrence, and for other purposes. *“Mt. Andrea Lawrence Designation Act of 2010”*

Visit the Committee’s Web site to view the [markup report](#) following the markup. (July 22, 2010, at 10:00 a.m., Room 1324 Longworth House Office Building)

## In Case You Missed It

- On July 15, the **Committee on Natural Resources** reported the following bill:
  - [H.R. 3534](#) (Rahall): To provide greater efficiencies, transparency, returns, and accountability in the administration of Federal mineral and energy resources by consolidating administration of various Federal energy minerals management and leasing programs into one entity to be known as the Office of Federal Energy and Minerals Leasing of the Department of the Interior, and for other purposes. *“Consolidated Land, Energy, and Aquatic Resources Act of 2009”*
- This week, the **House of Representatives** approved the following bills under the jurisdiction of the Committee on Natural Resources:
  - [H.R. 3923](#) (Polis): To amend the National Great Black Americans Commemoration Act of 2004 to authorize appropriations through fiscal year 2015. *“Sugar Loaf Fire Protection District Land Exchange Act”*
  - [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. 4438](#) (Rodriguez): To authorize the Secretary of the Interior 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. 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. 689](#) (Herger): To interchange the administrative jurisdiction of certain Federal lands between the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management, and for other purposes. “*Shasta-Trinity National Forest Administrative Jurisdiction Transfer 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](#) (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

“While the incident in the Gulf does not signal the end of drilling off America's coasts, it certainly is a game changer and is proof positive that broad reforms are needed to ensure that oil and gas development on federal lands and waters is done efficiently while protecting human safety and the environment. The problems we have identified and addressed in this legislation are not merely the result of one incident, but rather are the product of more than a decade of investigations, hearings, and prior legislative efforts into the pressing need to improve the management of America's public energy resources.”

– *Chairman Nick J. Rahall II (D-WV), on July 15, 2010, after the Committee approved the “**Consolidated Land, Energy, and Aquatic Resources (CLEAR) Act of 2009**” by a voice vote of 27 to 21. The CLEAR Act would address the Deepwater Horizon oil rig explosion and would implement reforms to America’s federal offshore and onshore oil and gas leasing program. Visit the Committee’s Web site to view the [press release](#) for additional information.*

### Calendar

Monday 7/19	Tuesday 7/20	Wednesday 7/21	Thursday 7/22	Friday 7/23
			Full Committee Markup (10:00 AM)	

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