

**Opening Statement
Chairman Raúl M. Grijalva
Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands
Legislative Hearing
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The Subcommittee will now come to order. Thank you.

Today we will receive testimony on seven bills and, in the interest of time, I leave it to the sponsors and witnesses to describe most of them in detail. However, to mention a few of the topics on our agenda, we will learn more about an addition to one of our oldest national monuments, a wilderness proposal in Utah, and a historic area in Connecticut.

One of the measures originally scheduled for today, H.R. 5192, sponsored by Representative Lummis, will be postponed until a later date, at the request of the Sponsor.

As always, we very much appreciate the time and effort put forth by our witnesses and thank them very much for joining us today.

In particular, today's hearing will benefit significantly from the insight provided by four local, elected officials – Mayors Adams, Becker and Pollard and Commissioner Goreham – and we look forward to their presentations on behalf of their constituents.

With that said, I'd now like to turn to Ranking Member Bishop for any opening statement he may have.