

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

Today we will receive testimony on seven bills and in the interests of time I will not go through them all. Suffice it to say that our docket today includes legislation on a wide variety of topics including timber contracts, summer recreational opportunities, wilderness designations, a national battlefield boundary and more.

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

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