



News from the
Committee on Natural Resources
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The Weekly Preview

July 14 – 18, 2008

On the House Floor:

- On Monday, the **House of Representatives** is expected to consider under suspension of the rules the following 3 bills under the jurisdiction of the House Natural Resources Committee:
 - [H.R. 5618](#) (Bordallo): To reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act, and for other purposes. *“National Sea Grant College Program Amendments Act of 2008”*
 - [H.R. 1714](#) (Mack): To clarify the boundaries of Coastal Barrier Resources System Clam Pass Unit FL-64P.
 - [H.R. 3227](#) (Doc Hastings): To direct the Secretary of the Interior to continue stocking fish in certain lakes in the North Cascades National Park, Ross Lake National Recreation Area, and Lake Chelan National Recreation Area.
- Later in the week, the **House of Representatives** is expected to consider the following bill, subject to a rule, under the jurisdiction of the House Natural Resources Committee:
 - [H.R. 415](#) (Frank): To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Taunton River in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

This Week’s Hearings and Markups:

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- On Tuesday, the **Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands** will hold a legislative hearing to receive testimony on the following 8 bills:

- [H.R. 2297](#) (Giffords): To amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Arizona National Scenic Trail. *“Arizona National Scenic Trail Act”*
- [H.R. 2299](#) (Heller): To direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the City of Henderson, Nevada, certain Federal land located in the City, and for other purposes. *“Southern Nevada Limited Transition Area Act”*
- [H.R. 5335](#) (Wamp): To amend the National Trails System Act to provide for the inclusion of new trail segments, land components, and campgrounds associated with the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail, and for other purposes.
- [H.R. 5671](#) (Herger): To amend the laws establishing the Whiskeytown-Shasta-Trinity National Recreation Area and the Columbia River National Gorge National Scenic Area, units of the National Forest System derived from the public domain, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to retain and utilize special use permit fees collected by the Secretary in connection with the operation of marinas in the recreation area and the operation of the Multnomah Falls Lodge in the scenic area, and for other purposes.
- [H.R. 5853](#) (Tsongas): To expand the boundary of the Minute Man National Historical Park in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to include Barrett’s Farm, and for other purposes. *“Minute Man National Historical Park Boundary Revision Act”*
- [H.R. 6159](#) (George Miller): To provide for a land exchange involving certain National Forest System lands in the Mendocino National Forest in the State of California, and for other purposes. *“Deafy Glade Land Exchange Act”*
- [H.R. 6176](#) (Rodriguez): To authorize the expansion of the Fort Davis National Historic Site in Fort Davis, Texas, and for other purposes.
- [H.R. 6305](#) (Pelosi): To clarify the authorization for the use of certain National Park Service properties within Golden Gate National Parks and San Francisco Maritime National Historic Park, and for other purposes.

Visit the Committee’s Web site to access [witness testimony](#) following the conclusion of the hearing. (*July 15, 2008, at 10:00 a.m., Room 1334 Longworth House Office Building*)

- Also on Tuesday, the **Subcommittee on Water and Power** will meet in open markup session to consider the following 3 bills:
 - [H.R. 3437](#) (Salazar): To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to carry out the Jackson Gulch rehabilitation project in the State of Colorado. *“Jackson Gulch Rehabilitation Act of 2007”*

- [H.R. 2535](#) (Nunes): To direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on the feasibility and suitability of constructing a storage reservoir, outlet works, and a delivery system for the Tule River Indian Tribe of California to provide a water supply for domestic, municipal, industrial, and agricultural purposes, and for other purposes. *“Tule River Tribe Water Development Act”*
- [H.R. 5293](#) (Heller): To approve the settlement of the water rights claims of the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Reservation in Nevada, to require the Secretary of the Interior to carry out the settlement, and for other purposes. *“Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Reservation Water Rights Settlement Act”*

Visit the Committee’s Web site to view the [markup report](#) following the markup. (July 15, 2008, at 10:00 a.m., Room 1324 Longworth House Office Building)

- On Wednesday, the **Committee on Natural Resources** will meet in open markup session to consider the following 14 bills:
 - [H.R. 160](#) (Holt): To amend the American Battlefield Protection Act of 1996 to establish a battlefield acquisition grant program for the acquisition and protection of nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812, and for other purposes. *“Revolutionary War and War of 1812 Battlefield Protection Act”*
 - [H.R. 4828](#) (Ortiz): To amend the Palo Alto Battlefield National Historic Site Act of 1991 to expand the boundaries of the historic site, and for other purposes. *“Palo Alto Battlefield National Historic Site Boundary Expansion Act of 2007”*
 - [H.R. 5751](#) (Pastor): To direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to jointly conduct a study of certain land adjacent to the Walnut Canyon National Monument in the State of Arizona, and for other purposes. *“Walnut Canyon Study Act of 2008”*
 - [H.R. 5853](#) (Tsongas): To expand the boundary of the Minute Man National Historical Park in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to include Barrett’s Farm, and for other purposes. *“Minute Man National Historical Park Boundary Revision Act”*
 - [H.R. 6176](#) (Rodriguez): To authorize the expansion of the Fort Davis National Historic Site in Fort Davis, Texas, and for other purposes.
 - [H.R. 6177](#) (Rodriguez): To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to modify the boundary of the Rio Grande Wild and Scenic River. *“Rio Grande Wild and Scenic River Extension Act of 2008”*

- [H.R. 2933](#) (Gary Miller): To amend the American Battlefield Protection Act of 1996 to extend the authorization for that Act, and for other purposes. *“Civil War Battlefield Preservation Act of 2007”*
- [H.R. 3299](#) (Musgrave): To provide for a boundary adjustment and land conveyances involving Roosevelt National Forest, Colorado, to correct the effects of an erroneous land survey that resulted in approximately 7 acres of the Crystal Lakes Subdivision, Ninth Filing, encroaching on National Forest System land.
- [H.R. 3336](#) (Lamborn): To direct the Secretary of the Interior to carry out a study to determine the suitability and feasibility of establishing a historic district to the Camp Hale on parcels of land in the State of Colorado. *“Camp Hale Historic District Study Act”*
- [H.R. 3849](#) (Rob Bishop): To provide for the conveyance of parcels of land to Mantua, Box Elder County, Utah. *“Box Elder Utah Land Conveyance Act”*
- [H.R. 3437](#) (Salazar): To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to carry out the Jackson Gulch rehabilitation project in the State of Colorado. *“Jackson Gulch Rehabilitation Act of 2007”*
- [H.R. 2535](#) (Nunes): To direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on the feasibility and suitability of constructing a storage reservoir, outlet works, and a delivery system for the Tule River Indian Tribe of California to provide a water supply for domestic, municipal, industrial, and agricultural purposes, and for other purposes. *“Tule River Tribe Water Development Act”*
- [H.R. 5293](#) (Heller): To approve the settlement of the water rights claims of the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Reservation in Nevada, to require the Secretary of the Interior to carry out the settlement, and for other purposes. *“Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Reservation Water Rights Settlement Act”*
- [H.R. 5350](#) (Robert C. "Bobby" Scott): To authorize the Secretary of Commerce to sell or exchange certain National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration property located in Norfolk, Virginia, and for other purposes.

Visit the Committee’s Web site to view the [markup report](#) following the markup. (July 16, 2008, at 11:00 a.m., Room 1324 Longworth House Office Building)

- On Thursday, the **Subcommittee on Insular Affairs** will hold an oversight hearing on the “Successes and Challenges of the Interagency Group on Insular Affairs.” The Interagency Group on Insular Areas (IGIA) was initially established in August 1999 by President Bill Clinton by Executive Memorandum, and then reconstituted in 2003 by President George W. Bush to better coordinate federal policy in the insular areas. The purpose of the oversight hearing is to gather testimony on the work and effectiveness of the IGIA under the Bush Administration.

Visit the Committee’s Web site to access [witness testimony](#) following the conclusion of the hearing. (*July 17, 2008, at 2:00 p.m., Room 1324 Longworth House Office Building*)

In Case You Missed It:

- On July 9, the **House of Representatives** approved legislation that would create a federal fund dedicated solely to fighting catastrophic, emergency wildland fires. The ***Federal Land Assistance, Management and Enhancement Act (FLAME Act) (H.R. 5541)*** was introduced by Chairman Rahall, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands Chairman Raul Grijalva (D-AZ), and Subcommittee on Interior Appropriations Chairman Norm Dicks (D-WA). Visit the Committee’s Web site to view the [press release](#) with additional information about the legislation.
- Last week, the House also approved the following 5 bills under the jurisdiction of the House Natural Resources Committee:
 - [H.R. 5741](#) (Bordallo): To amend the High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act and the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to improve the conservation of sharks. *“Shark Conservation Act of 2008”*
 - [H.R. 3981](#) (Brad Miller): To authorize the Preserve America Program and Save America’s Treasures Program, and for other purposes. *“Preserve America and Save America’s Treasures Act”*
 - [H.R. 1423](#) (Visclosky): To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to lease a portion of a visitor center to be constructed outside the boundary of the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore in Porter County, Indiana, and for other purposes. *“Dorothy Buell Memorial Visitor Center Lease Act”*
 - [H.R. 4199](#) (Turner): To amend the Dayton Aviation Heritage Preservation Act of 1992 to add sites to the Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park, and for other purposes.

- [H.R. 1286](#) (Hinchey): To amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail. “*Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail Designation Act*”
- On July 10, Chairman Rahall urged President Bush to use his authority to immediately draw down the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR) to help expand supplies in the market and reduce record-high gas prices. Visit the Committee’s Web site to read Chairman Rahall’s [statement](#).

Quotable Quote:

“I cannot understate the importance of today's action on the FLAME Act. Without a doubt, this is one of the most serious and pressing issues facing our federal land management agencies, and it is one that, if not addressed appropriately, will continue to cost scores of homes, businesses, communities, public lands, and irreplaceable American lives.”

– *Chairman Nick J. Rahall (D-WV), during floor debate in the U.S. House of Representatives on the **Federal Land Assistance, Management and Enhancement Act (FLAME Act) (H.R. 5541)** on July 9, 2008.*

Calendar:

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	Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands Legislative Hearing (10:00 AM) Subcommittee on Water and Power Markup (10:00 AM)	Full Committee Markup (11:00 AM)	Subcommittee on Insular Affairs Oversight Hearing (2:00 PM)	

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