

SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATIONAL PARKS, FORESTS AND PUBLIC LANDS

1334 Longworth House Office Building

9:00 a.m.

AGENDA

Legislative hearing on:

- **HR 5744 (Gosar)**, To address the forest health, public safety, and wildlife habitat threat presented by the risk of wildfire, including catastrophic wildfire, on National Forest System lands and public lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management by requiring the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to expedite forest management projects relating to hazardous fuels reduction, forest health, and economic development, and for other purposes. “*Catastrophic Wildfire Prevention Act of 2012*”
- **HR 5960 (Markey)**, To amend the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 to improve the response to insect infestations and related diseases and to change the funding source for the Healthy Forests Reserve Program, to codify the stewardship end result contracting and good neighbor authorities, and to amend the emergency watershed protection program to improve post fire rehabilitation, and for other purposes. “*Depleting Risk from Insect Infestation, Soil Erosion, and Catastrophic Fire Act of 2012*”
- **HR 6089 (Tipton)**, To address the bark beetle epidemic, drought, deteriorating forest health conditions, and high risk of wildfires on National Forest System land and land under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management in the United States by expanding authorities established in the Healthy Forest Restoration Act of 2003 to provide emergency measures for high-risk areas identified by such States, to make permanent Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management authority to conduct good-neighbor cooperation with States to reduce wildfire risks, and for other purposes. “*Healthy Forest Management Act of 2012*”

WITNESSES

Members Panel

Rep. Paul Gosar, AZ (HR 5744)
Member of Congress

Rep. Ed Markey, MA (HR 5960)
Member of Congress

Rep. Scott Tipton, CO (HR 6089)
Member of Congress

Witnesses

Mary Wagner
Associate Chief
U.S. Forest Service
United States Department of Agriculture

Ed Roberson
Assistant Director, Renewable Resources and Planning
Bureau of Land Management
Department of the Interior

David Cook
Arizona Cattlemen's Association
Public Lands Council
National Cattlemen's Beef Association
(Testifying on HR 5744)

Doyel Shamley
Natural Resource Coordinator
Apache County, AZ
(Testifying on HR 5744)

Hank Kashdan
National Association of Forest Service Retirees
(Testifying on HR 6089)

Tom Jankovsky
Commissioner
Garfield County, CO
(Testifying on HR 6089)

Dan Gibbs
Commissioner
Summit County, CO
(Testifying on HR 5744, HR 5960 and HR 6089)

Joseph Romm
Senior Fellow
Center for American Progress
(Testifying on HR 5744, HR 5960 and HR 6089)