

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES
Disclosure Form
As required by and provided for in House Rule XI, clause 2(g) and
the Rules of the Committee on Natural Resources

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For Witnesses Representing Organizations:

1. Name: Lauren Pagel

2. Name of Organization(s) You are Representing at the Hearing: Earthworks

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Name/Organization: Lauren Pagel/Earthworks

Title/Date of Hearing: ANWR: Jobs, Energy and Deficit Reduction, November 18th, 2011

a. Any training or educational certificates, diplomas or degrees or other educational experiences that are relevant to your qualifications to testify on or knowledge of the subject matter of the hearing.

I received a bachelor's degree in political science from Vassar College in 2000.

b. Any professional licenses, certifications, or affiliations held that are relevant to your qualifications to testify on or knowledge of the subject matter of the hearing.

I serve on the steering committee of the Western Mining Action Network, an association of communities, individuals and organizations that seeks to foster and support a strong network that protects communities, land, water, air, and wildlife by reforming mining practices and holding government and corporations accountable.

c. Any employment, occupation, ownership in a firm or business, or work-related experiences that relate to your qualifications to testify on or knowledge of the subject matter of the hearing.

I have been working with communities impacted by hardrock mining issues for the past 9 years.

d. Any federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) from the Department of the Interior (and/or other agencies invited) that you have received in the current year and previous four years, including the source and the amount of each grant or contract.

NA

e. A list of all lawsuits or petitions filed by you against the federal government in the current year and the previous four years, giving the name of the lawsuit or petition, the subject matter of the lawsuit or petition, and the federal statutes under which the lawsuits or petitions were filed.

NA

f. Any other information you wish to convey that might aid the Members of the Committee to better understand the context of your testimony.

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In addition, for witnesses representing organizations:

g. Any offices, elected positions, or representational capacity held in the organization(s) on whose behalf you are testifying.

I am currently employed as the Policy Director for Earthworks and am testifying on their behalf.

h. Any federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) from the *Department of the Interior (and /or other agencies invited)* that were received in the current year and previous four years by the organization(s) you represent at this hearing, including the source and amount of each grant or contract for each of the organization(s).

NA

i. A list of all lawsuits or petitions filed by the organization(s) you represent at the hearing against the federal government in the current year and the previous four years, giving the name of the lawsuit or petition, the subject matter of the lawsuit or petition, and the federal statutes under which the lawsuits or petitions were filed for each of the organization(s).

BLM Climate Change Litigation (NEPA, FLPMA):

Earthworks' Oil and Gas Accountability Project, represented by the Western Environmental Law Center (Taos office), filed complaints in federal courts in New Mexico and Montana in December 2008 to compel the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to consider, analyze, and/or mitigate the global warming impacts of greenhouse gases when issuing oil and gas leases on federal lands

HD Mountains (federal - NEPA, CAA, ESA):

Earthworks' Oil and Gas Accountability Project, represented by Earthjustice, is attempting to protect roadless forest, wilderness areas, air quality and communities from coalbed methane development.

Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument (federal – NEPA, FLPMA, NHPA): Earthworks' Oil and Gas Accountability Project, represented by Earthjustice, filed suit with the intent of protecting this important treasured place from oil and gas development.

Rock Creek Mine (federal - NEPA, ESA, FLPMA, CAA, CWA, WA):

Case 1: This case sought review, under the Endangered Species Act and Administrative Procedures Act, of a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Biological Opinion for the proposed Rock Creek Mine in Northwestern Montana that will push a critically endangered grizzly bear population close to the brink of extinction and could eliminate one of the Upper Columbia River basin's few remaining bull trout strongholds.

Case 2: Earthworks has filed a complaint in Federal District Court against USFS for unlawful approval of the Rock Creek Mine, challenging its legality under NEPA, ESA, FLPMA, CAA, CWA and the Wilderness Act.

Department of the Interior/Department of Agriculture Millsite/Claim Validity (1872 Mining Law/FLPMA):

In October of 2009, Earthworks joined High Country Citizens Alliance, Save the Scenic Santa Ritas, Great Basin Resource Watch and Western Shoshone Defense Project in an 1872 Mining Law-related lawsuit against the Department of the Interior. This lawsuit challenges both the 10-24-03 millsite regulation (which adopted

the Secretary/Deputy Solicitor's legal opinion issued on 10-7-03) and the 12-4-08 Interim Final Rule, which was issued in response to Judge Kennedy's decision in the MPC v. Norton case. This lawsuit is intended to require Fair Market Value for lands not covered by valid mining claims and limit the amount of public lands that can be used to dump mining waste.

j. A list of any countries from which the organization(s) you represent at the hearing have received foreign donations and the total amount of donations received from each country, for the current year and the previous four years, by each organization.

NA

k. For tax-exempt organizations and non-profit organizations, copies of the three most recent public IRS Form 990s (including Form 990-PF, Form 990-N, and Form 990-EZ) for each of the organization(s) you represent at the hearing (not including any contributor names and addresses or any information withheld from public inspection by the Secretary of the Treasury under 26 U.S.C. 6104)).

2008 990 can be found here: <http://www.earthworksaction.org/pubs/FY2008EARTHWORKS%20990.pdf>

2009 990 can be found here: <http://www.earthworksaction.org/pubs/2009EARTHWORKS990final.pdf>

2010 990 can be found here: <http://www.earthworksaction.org/pubs/Earthworks-FY2010-990.pdf>