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Chairman Hastings Announces Hearings on Rising Gasoline Prices and America's Energy Resources

WASHINGTON, D.C. – House Natural Resources Committee Chairman Doc Hastings (WA-04) today announced two Full Committee oversight hearings in March to address rising gasoline prices. The hearings will focus on available American oil and natural gas resources and the impacts of rising gasoline prices on our economy, American jobs, businesses and families.

"Gasoline prices are steadily climbing towards \$4 per gallon and families and businesses across the country are feeling the pain at the pump," said Hastings. "Our Committee will examine steps that can be taken to develop our own American energy resources and also what has or hasn't been done since President Obama took office. Americans know what \$4 per gallon gasoline feels like and they don't want to go back to those days. They remember how it strained their monthly budget, increased costs for all types of goods and forced tough tradeoffs on where and how to spend money. A return of that scenario would cost jobs and destroy any hope of economic recovery."

WHAT: Full Committee Oversight Hearing on "Harnessing American Resources to Create

Jobs and Address Rising Gasoline Prices: Domestic Resources and Economic

Impacts"

Witnesses to be announced.

WHEN: Thursday, March 17, 2011

10:00 AM

WHERE: 1324 Hearing Room in the Longworth House Office Building

WHAT: Full Committee Oversight Hearing on "Harnessing American Resources to Create

Jobs and Address Rising Gasoline Prices: Impacts on Businesses and Families"

Witnesses to be announced.

WHEN: Thursday, March 31, 2011

10:00 AM

WHERE: 1324 Hearing Room in the Longworth House Office Building

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