

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES
113th Congress Disclosure Form
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the Rules of the Committee on Natural Resources

12/12/13 Oversight Hearing on
“ESA Decisions by Closed-Door Settlement: Short-Changing Science, Transparency, Private Property,
and State & Local Economies”

For Individuals:

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For Witnesses Representing Organizations:

1. Name:

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

3. Business Address:

4. Business Email Address:

5. Business Phone Number:

For all Witnesses

Name/Organization__ Megan Maxwell

Title/Date of Hearing__ *“ESA Decisions by Closed-Door Settlement: Short-Changing Science, Transparency, Private Property, and State & Local Economies.” December 12, 2013*

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.

A Master's of Resources Law Studies from the University of Denver, Sturm College of Law; bachelor's degree in Biology from Metropolitan State College of Denver. While attending Sturm I worked as Chief Science Editor for a nationally recognized educator of natural resources law, Jan G. Laitos and contributed to the law review article published in 2013 by Pace Environmental Law Review titled *“Cyanide, Mining, and the Environment.”* Field experience gained while obtaining my bachelor's degree includes: Measuring abundance and distribution of Black-tailed Prairie Dogs, various species diversity and abundance studies, effects of road construction disturbance on Rocky Mountain beaver populations, monitoring and tagging Tree swallows, and measuring disturbance levels in the Canyonlands, Utah.

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.

Member of the Ecological Society of America, National Association of Environmental Professionals, and Northwest Mining Association.

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.

As a consultant, I have performed and prepared various Endangered Species Act, National Environmental Policy Act, and Clean Water Act compliance studies and documents, including:

Biological Evaluations, Colorado

Served as Biologist on various evaluations involving the Endangered Species Act and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. Conducted field investigations to assess potential/suitable habitat, performed presence/absence surveys, prepared biological evaluations, and impact mitigation plans. One major project involved the Burrowing owl and other migratory birds. For this specific project I worked closely with the Colorado Division of Wildlife to delineate a buffer zone; performed on-going buffer zone and owl monitoring during site development, and made recommendations regarding the on-going presence of Burrowing owls and their nestlings during site development.

NEPA Compliance, Colorado and Wyoming:

Served as Biologist and Environmental Scientist for environmental assessments and Categorical Exclusions, and provided recommendations on construction and mitigation techniques which enabled the client to qualify for a lower level of compliance under NEPA.

Wetland Determination Evaluations, Colorado”

Served as Biologist, conducted wetland delineations following methods described in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 1987 Wetland Delineation Manual and assisted clients with wetland permitting, including obtaining Nationwide 404 Permits for projects in Colorado.

I have also provided Northwest Mining Association with technical assistance in the review of government regulation and policy regarding the Greater sage-grouse, which includes researching and authoring two white papers on the subject (one in progress), and reviewing and drafting comments on several of the draft NEPA documents which were issued to include provisions of the Bureau of Land Management's NTT Report.

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.

Not applicable.

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.

Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.

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

Witnesses Representing Organizations

Name/Organization _____
Title/Date of Hearing _____

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

i. 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).

j. 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).

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

l. 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)).