

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

Legislative hearing on **H.R. 596 (Gosar)**, *“Public Lands Renewable Energy Development Act of 2013”*, **H.R. 1363 (Labrador)**, *“Exploring for Geothermal Energy on Federal Lands Act”*; and **H.R. 2004 (Simpson)**, *“Geothermal Production Expansion Act of 2013”* / July 29, 2014

For Individuals:

1. Name:

2. Address:

3. Email Address:

4. Phone Number:

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For Witnesses Representing Organizations:

1. Name: **Scott H. Nichols**

2. Name of Organization(s) You are Representing at the Hearing:
U.S. Geothermal Inc.

3. Business Address:
390 East Park Center Blvd. Ste. 250 Boise Idaho 83706

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(Information Redacted for Privacy)

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For all Witnesses

Name/Organization: Scott Nichols; U.S. Geothermal Inc

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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.

Bachelor of Science, Hydrology; Colorado State University

Building Effective Business Relationships with American Indian Tribes

Citizen Participation by Objective, Systematic Development of Informed Consent, Institute for Participatory Management and Planning.

Commercial Investment Analysis, CCIM Institute, Chicago Illinois.

Watershed Assessment and Restoration, United States Forest Service Instructor

Executive Leadership of Political and Social Forces in Natural Resources, University of Idaho.

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. **N/A**

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.

Twenty Eight (28) years of combined experience developing and administering natural resource policies and laws. The experience includes field level to state executive management level administration; over 10 year experience in energy and renewables, 3 years of consulting experience, and 6 years of direct geothermal experience.

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. **None**

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. **None**

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. **None**

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

I have worked side by side with both BLM and USFS staff to coordinate and integrate State of Idaho and federal regulatory programs. Along with two staff from the USFS and the BLM we wrote, published and implemented Idaho's Joint Review Process for Mining in Idaho. I also authored Idaho's Best Management Practices Manual for Mining in Idaho and was Chairman of the Idaho Mining Advisory Committee.

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h. Any offices, elected positions, or representational capacity held in the organization(s) on whose behalf you are testifying. **None**

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). **None**

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). **None**

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. **None**

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)). **N/A**