

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES
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Oversight Hearing: Oil and Gas Activities within the National Wildlife Refuge System
Tuesday, May 20, 2014

For Individuals:

1. Name:

2. Address:

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For Witnesses Representing Organizations:

1. Name: Noah Matson

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

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For all Witnesses

Mr. Noah Matson – Defenders of Wildlife

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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.
- Masters of Environmental Management, Yale School of Forestry, 1999. Masters Thesis: Biodiversity and its management on the National Elk Refuge, Wyoming.
 - B.S., Biology-Geology, University of Rochester, 1994

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.

None

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 worked for over 15 years on national wildlife refuge policy, including over 10 years examining the issues surrounding oil and gas development on national wildlife refuges. I have personally witnessed the impacts of oil and gas development on a number of national wildlife refuges and have interviewed Fish and Wildlife Service staff across the country to better understand the challenges they face in managing the impacts of oil and gas development on national wildlife refuges.

d. Any federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) from the Department of Interior 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.

Witnesses Representing Organizations

Mr. Noah Matson - Defenders of Wildlife

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

I am Vice President for Landscape Conservation at Defenders of Wildlife and represent the organization on federal land policy matters, including national wildlife refuge system issues.

i. Any federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) from the Department of Interior 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).

Department of the Interior, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service:

- March 2011: \$7,500 for hiring a coordinator for the annual Florida Panther Festival (pass-through via Friends of the Florida Panther Refuge via National Fish and Wildlife Foundation)
- September 2011: \$15,000 for work on the collaborative effort to disseminate information about future potential to high priority conservation areas within the California Rangeland Conservation Coalition (CRCC) study area.
- December 2011: \$19,965.40 for coordination of the work of the Great Northern Landscape Conservation Cooperative and development of climate change content on the Conservation Registry (pass-through via the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife)
- May 2012: \$38,391.76 for work on the collaborative effort to disseminate information about future potential to high priority conservation areas within the California Rangeland Conservation Coalition (CRCC) study area.
- March 2012: \$2,625.34 for hiring a coordinator for the annual Florida Panther Festival (pass-through via Friends of the Florida Panther Refuge via National Fish and Wildlife Foundation)
- July 2012: \$25,925.76 for work on the collaborative effort to disseminate information about future potential to high priority conservation areas within the California Rangeland Conservation Coalition (CRCC) study area.
- August 2012: \$30,000 to design and create a dedicated portal on the Conservation Registry for use as a conservation information delivery mechanism for the Heart of the Rockies geography.
- August 2012: \$67,470 to develop procedures and methods to assist Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission with incorporating climate change into the agency's scope of work and apply these procedures and methods to develop adaptation strategies for specific priority habits and/or species. (Pass-through via Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.)
- June 2013: \$4,800 to work with the Fort Belknap Fish and Wildlife agency on a comprehensive wildlife management plan and to restore black-footed ferrets on the Fort Belknap Indian Reservation. (Pass-through via World Wildlife Fund and National Fish and Wildlife Foundation.)

- July 2013: \$36,000 to support electric fencing and technical expertise for landowners living in the Yaak to Yahk project area. (Pass-through from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation.)
- 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).
- Defenders of Wildlife et al. v. Jewell, No. 3:13-cv-00698 (Eastern District of Tennessee): 16 U.S.C. §§ 1531 *et seq.*, and 5 U.S.C. §§ 551 *et seq.*
 - Case Subject: Tennessee Coal Mining
 - Black Warrior Riverkeeper v. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, et al., No. 2:13-cv-02136 (Northern District of Alabama): 42 U.S.C. §§ 4321 *et seq.*, 16 U.S.C. §§ 1531 *et seq.*, 5 U.S.C. §§ 551 *et seq.*, 33 U.S.C. §§ 1251 *et seq.*
 - Case Subject: Alabama Coal Mining
 - Defenders of Wildlife v. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service et al., No. 1:14-cv-150-CKK (District of Columbia): 42 U.S.C. §§ 4321 *et seq.*, 16 U.S.C. §§ 1531 *et seq.*, and 5 U.S.C. §§ 551 *et seq.*
 - Case Subject: Perdido Key Beach Mouse
 - Defenders of Wildlife et al. v. Jewell, No. 1:13-cv-00919-RC (D.C. District Court): 16 U.S.C. §§ 1531 *et seq.*, and 5 U.S.C. §§ 551 *et seq.*
 - Case Subject: Dunes Sagebrush Lizard
 - Sierra Club et al. v. Kenna et al., No. 13-15383 (9th Circuit): 42 U.S.C. §§ 4321 *et seq.*, 16 U.S.C. §§ 1531 *et seq.*, and 5 U.S.C. §§ 551 *et seq.*
 - Case Subject: North Sky Wind Project
 - Center for Biological Diversity v. EPA, No. 14-1036 (DC Circuit): 16 U.S.C. §§ 1531 *et seq.*, and 5 U.S.C. §§ 551 *et seq.*
 - Case Subject: Pesticides (cyantraniliprole)
 - Center for Biological Diversity v. Kelly, No. 1:13-cv-00427 (District of Idaho): 16 U.S.C. §§ 1531 *et seq.*, and 5 U.S.C. §§ 551 *et seq.*
 - Case Subject: Woodland Caribou CH
 - Oceana v. BOEM, No. 12-0981-RC (D.C. District Court): 42 U.S.C. §§ 4321 *et seq.*, 16 U.S.C. §§ 1531 *et seq.*, and 5 U.S.C. §§ 551 *et seq.*
 - Case Subject: Gulf of Mexico Oil and Gas Lease Sales
 - Friends of the River et al. v. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers et al., No. 2:11-cv-01650-JAM-JFM (Eastern District of California): 42 U.S.C. §§ 4321 *et seq.*, 16 U.S.C. §§ 1531 *et seq.*, and 5 U.S.C. §§ 551 *et seq.*
 - Case Subject: California Levees
 - Maughan v. Vilsack, No. 4:14-07-EJL (District of Idaho), No. 14-35043 (Ninth Circuit): 42 U.S.C. §§ 4321 *et seq.* and 5 U.S.C. §§ 551 *et seq.*
 - Case Subject: Idaho Wolves

- Defenders of Wildlife v. Salazar, No. 1:12-cv-01833-ABJ (D.C. District Court): 16 U.S.C. §§ 1531 *et seq.*, and 5 U.S.C. §§ 551 *et seq.*
 - Case Subject: Wyoming Wolf
- Red Wolf Coalition v. NC Wildlife Resources Commission, No. 2:13-cv-60 (Eastern District of North Carolina): 16 U.S.C. §§ 1531 *et seq.*, and 5 U.S.C. §§ 551 *et seq.*
 - Case Subject: Red Wolf
- Defenders of Wildlife v Jewell, No. 2:14-cv-1656-MWF-RZ (Central District of California): 16 U.S.C. §§ 1531 *et seq.*, and 5 U.S.C. §§ 551 *et seq.*
 - Case Subject: Desert Tortoise
- Defenders of Wildlife et al. v. U.S. Department of the Navy, No. 12-15680 (11th Circuit): 42 U.S.C. §§ 4321 *et seq.*, 16 U.S.C. §§ 1531 *et seq.*, and 5 U.S.C. §§ 551 *et seq.*
 - Case Subject: Undersea Warfare Training Range
- Defenders v. NPS, FWS, No. 2:07-cv-00045-BO (Eastern District of North Carolina): 16 U.S.C. §§ 1531 *et seq.*, and 5 U.S.C. §§ 551 *et seq.*
 - Case Subject: Cape Hatteras National Seashore Challenge
- Cape Hatteras Access Preservation Alliance v. Salazar, No. 2:13-cv-00001-BO (Eastern District of North Carolina): 16 U.S.C. §§ 1531 *et seq.*, and 5 U.S.C. §§ 551 *et seq.*
 - Cape Hatteras National Seashore ORV management rule defense
- Defenders of Wildlife v. NC Dep't of Transportation, No. 13:2215 (Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals)
- Defenders of Wildlife, et al. v. Federal Highway Administration, et al., No. 2:11-cv-0035-FL (Eastern District of North Carolina)
- Defenders of Wildlife v North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources, No. 12 CVS 16364 (Wake County Superior State Court)
 - 42 U.S.C. §§ 4321 *et seq.* and 5 U.S.C. §§ 551 *et seq.*
 - Case Subject: Bonner Bridge North Carolina Outer Banks
- State of Alaska v. Jewell, No. 3:14-cv-00048-SLG (D. Alaska) intervening on behalf of DOI...
 - Case Subject: Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and Coastal Plain
- Federal Forest Resource Coalition et al. v. Vilsack et al., No. 1:12-cv-01333-RJL (D.C. District Court): NFMA?
 - Case Subject: NFMA Forest Planning Rule Defense
- Organized Village of Kake, et al. v. U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, No. 11-35517 (9th Circuit):
 - Case Subject: Tongass Exemption Challenge
- Colorado Env't'l Coalition v. Kempthorne, No. 09-cv-00085-JLK (D. Colo.): 5 U.S.C. § 551 *et seq.* and 16 U.S.C. § 1540(c), (g)
 - Case Subject: Oil Shale
- Colorado Env't'l Coalition v. Kempthorne, No. 09-cv-00091-JLK (D. Colo.): 5 U.S.C. § 551 *et seq.* and 16 U.S.C. § 1540(c), (g)
 - Case Subject: Oil Shale

- Defenders of Wildlife et al. v. BLM et al., No. 10-72775 (9th Cir.) : 15 U.S.C. § 717r and 16 U.S.C. § 1540(c), (g)
 - Case Subject: The Ruby Gas Pipeline
- Defenders of Wildlife et al. v. FERC, No. 10-1407 (D.C. Cir.) : 15 U.S.C. § 717r
 - Case Subject: The Ruby Gas Pipeline
- Defenders of Wildlife et al. v. Jackson, No. 10-cv-01915 (D.D.C.): 33 U.S.C. § 1365(a)(2)
 - Case Subject: Coal Ash Deadline
- WildEarth Guardians et al. v. Salazar et al., No. 1:10-cv-01174-CKK (D.D.C.): 5 U.S.C. §§ 701-706 and 16 U.S.C. § 1540(c), (g)
 - Case Subject: West Antelope Shale
- WildEarth Guardians et al. v. Salazar et al., No. 1:11-cv-00670-CKK (D.D.C.): 5 U.S.C. §§ 701-706
 - Case Subject: Powder River Basin Recertification
- Defenders of Wildlife v. Bureau of Ocean Energy, Management, Regulation, and Enforcement, No. 10-254-WS-C (S.D. AL): 42 U.S.C. §§ 4321 *et seq.*, 16 U.S.C. §§ 1531 *et seq.*, and 5 U.S.C. §§ 551 *et seq.*
 - Case Subject: Gulf of Mexico Lease Sale 213
- Defenders of Wildlife v. Bureau of Ocean Energy, Management, Regulation, and Enforcement, No. 11-12598-F (11th Cir.): 43 U.S.C. § 1344; 42 U.S.C. § 4321; 16 U.S.C. § 1531; 16 U.S.C. § 1631; 16 U.S.C. § 1801; and 5 U.S.C. § 551
 - Case Subject: Shell Gulf of Mexico Exploration Plan
- Sea Turtle Conservancy v. Locke, 1:09-cv-00259-SPM-AK (N.D. FL): 42 U.S.C. §§ 4321 *et seq.*, 16 U.S.C. §§ 1531 *et seq.*, and 5 U.S.C. §§ 551 *et seq.*
 - Case Subject: Gulf of Mexico Bottom Longline Fishery
- Native Village of Point Hope v. Salazar, 1:08-cv-00004-RRB (D. Alaska): 42 U.S.C. §§ 4321 *et seq.*, and 5 U.S.C. §§ 551 *et seq.*
 - Case Subject: Chukchi Lease Sale 193
- Defenders of Wildlife v. U.S. Dept of the Navy, No. 2:10-cv-00014-LGW-JEG (S.D. Ga.): 42 U.S.C. §§ 4321 *et seq.*, 16 U.S.C. §§ 1531 *et seq.*, and 5 U.S.C. §§ 551 *et seq.*
 - Case Subject: Navy Undersea Warfare Training Range
- Organized Village of Kake v. U.S. Dept. of Agriculture (D. AK 1:09-cv-0022-jws): 42 U.S.C. §§ 4321 *et seq.* and 5 U.S.C. §§ 551 *et seq.*
 - Case Subject: Tongass Roadless Rule Exemption
- Sierra Forest Legacy v. Pendleton, Civ No. 08-4240-SC (ND Cal): 42 U.S.C. §§ 4321 *et seq.*, 16 U.S.C. §§ 1531 *et seq.*, and 5 U.S.C. §§ 551 *et seq.*
 - Case Subject: Sierra Nevada National Forests Management Indicator Species Amendment
- Center for Biological Diversity v. US Fish and Wildlife Service, No. 08-01278-MHP (N.D. Cal.): 16 U.S.C. §§ 1531 *et seq.*, and 5 U.S.C. §§ 551 *et seq.*
 - Case Subject: Southern California Forests Biological Opinions

- *Defenders of Wildlife v. Salazar*, No. 10-5144 (D.C. Cir.): 16 U.S.C. §§ 668dd; 42 U.S.C. § 4321; and 5 U.S.C. § 551
 - Case Subject: National Bison and Elk Refuge Management Plan
- *Native Village of Point Hope v. Salazar*, No. 09-73942 consolidated with No. 10-70166 (9th Cir.): 42 U.S.C. §§ 4321 *et seq.* and 5 U.S.C. §§ 551 *et seq.*
 - Case Subject: Shell Arctic Exploration Plans
- *Center for Biological Diversity v. US Dept of Agriculture*, 08-03884-MHP (N.D. Cal.): 42 U.S.C. §§ 4321 *et seq.* and 5 U.S.C. §§ 551 *et seq.*
 - Case Subject: Southern California Forests Plans
- *The Humane Society of the United States v. Gutierrez*, Civ. No. 08-1593-ESH (D.D.C.): 42 U.S.C. §§ 4321 *et seq.*, 16 U.S.C. §§ 1531 *et seq.*, and 5 U.S.C. §§ 551 *et seq.*
 - Case subject: North Atlantic Right Whales Fishing Entanglement Protections
- *Defenders of Wildlife v. National Marine Fisheries Service*, No. 10-10887 (D. Mass.): 16 U.S.C. §§ 1531 *et seq.* and 5 U.S.C. §§ 551 *et seq.*
 - Northeast Fisheries Biological Opinion Delay
- *Humane Society of the United States v. National Marine Fisheries Service*, No. 10-10873 (D. Mass.): 16 U.S.C. §§ 1531 *et seq.* and 5 U.S.C. §§ 551 *et seq.*
 - Right Whale Critical Habitat
- *Defenders of Wildlife v. Salazar*, (Ninth Circuit [10-35885, 10-35886, 10-35894, 10-35897, 10-35898, 10-35926] (KKW): 16 U.S.C.S. § 1531 *et seq.*
 - Case Subject: Northern Rockies Gray Wolf delisting
- *Defenders of Wildlife v. EPA*, No. 09-1199 (D.C. Cir.): 16 U.S.C. § 1531 *et seq.*, 7 U.S.C. § 136 *et seq.*, and 5 U.S.C.S. § 706.
 - Case Subject: Rozol/Prairie dog bait
- *Friends of the River et al v. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers*, 2:11-cv-01650-JAM –JFM: 16 U.S.C. § 1531 *et seq.*, and 5 U.S.C.S. § 706.
 - Case Subject: Tree removal from levees
- *Defenders of Wildlife v. Jackson*, No. 09-01814-ESH (D.D.C): 16 U.S.C. § 1531 *et seq.*, 16 U.S.C. § 1536(a)(2)., 50 C.F.R. § 402.02., and 50 C.F.R. § 402.14(g).
 - Case Subject: Rozol/Prairie dog bait

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)).

Attached