

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES
114th Congress Disclosure Form
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**“Litigation and Increased Planning’s Impact on
Our Nation’s Overgrown, Fire-Prone National Forests”**

May 14, 2015

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For Witnesses Representing Organizations:

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For Nongovernment Witnesses ONLY:

1. Please attach/include current curriculum vitae or resume.

Attached

2. Please list any federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) related to the subject matter of the hearing that were received in the current year and previous two calendar years by you or the organization(s) you represent at this hearing, including the source and amount of each grant or contract.

Attached.

Note, because we are a large organization, and I received the invitation just days ago, I am attaching a list that is much more comprehensive and includes no doubt many items that are not related to the subject matter of the hearing. Rather than be too selective, we are providing a general federal listing.

3. Please list any contracts or payments originating with a foreign government related to the subject matter of the hearing that were received in the current year and previous two calendar years by you or the organization(s) you represent at this hearing, including the amount and country of origin of each contract or payment.

None.

CHRISTOPHER TOPIK, PH.D. PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Current Position: The Nature Conservancy, Director, Restoring America's Forests, North America Region

Chris began working at The Nature Conservancy (TNC) in 2011 as the senior conservation director for Restoring America's Forests, the Conservancy's priority effort to help restore forest health and improve ecological management of America's federal forests. Chris is responsible for directing and coordinating efforts of the Conservancy's chapters, leading a set of large-scale collaborative restoration projects around the Nation, and integrating TNC's Fire Learning Network and Forest Health Protection programs into this integrated effort. This involves program and policy leadership for 13 key projects that are collaborating with USDA Forest Service managers and many other partners in portions of 23 states. He provides communications and science-based program oversight, as well as policy and coalition building efforts. The TNC Restoring America's Forests program strives to enhance active forest management based on science and collaboration. This effort reduces wildfire risk, increases watershed and wildlife values, and enhances economic and social benefits of America's forests.

Previously, Chris worked for 15 years as professional staff for the US House of Representatives, Committee on Appropriations where he wrote appropriations law and provided oversight of several federal land management, science, and cultural agencies, including the USDA Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the US Geological Survey, the Smithsonian Institution, the Minerals Management Service and its successors, the National Endowments for the Arts and the Humanities, and others. During this period he worked for both Republican and Democratic majority chairmen and he had lead responsibilities for numerous natural resource policies and programs, such as the national fire plan, the legacy road and trail remediation program, the joint fire science program and the forest legacy program. When he left the Committee staff in March, 2011, he was the Democratic staff director for Interior, Environment and Related Agencies Appropriations Subcommittee.

Prior to working on Capitol Hill, Chris worked for 16 years for the USDA Forest Service, including being the national plant ecologist for the range management staff, the national botany program director, and working as an area ecologist for 10 years on national forests in Oregon and Washington. As a forest ecologist he conducted administrative studies on forest management and plant ecology, provided internal training to forestry staff in ecological silviculture, and worked on forest plans and various forestry projects.

Chris received his Ph.D. in forest ecology from the University of Oregon and a BS in marine biology from the University of California, San Diego. He and his wife Allison reside in Vienna, VA and have adult twins, Alexander and Kira.

The Nature Conservancy is providing a complete list of Federal grants and contracts since fiscal year 2012 from agencies that may have potential connection to this hearing.

We recognize that many of these cost-share awards are not related to the direct topic of this hearing.

The Nature Conservancy					
Federal Awards Data (Operations and Land)					
October 2012 - February 2015					
Proj Name	Start Date	End Date	Agency	Source	Award Amount
USDA APHIS FOCI II	1/29/2013	1/28/2014	APHIS	FEDERAL	20,000.00
APHIS DMF JUL13-JUL14	7/15/2013	7/14/2014	APHIS	FEDERAL	200,000.00
APHIS FOCI 2014	1/29/2014	1/28/2015	APHIS	FEDERAL	20,000.00
APHIS DMF JUL 2014-15	7/15/2014	7/14/2015	APHIS	FEDERAL	258,084.00
APHIS FOCI 2015	2/1/2015	1/31/2016	APHIS	FEDERAL	20,000.00
EPA GLRI TWO STAGE DITCH	10/1/2012	9/30/2015	EPA	FEDERAL	414,765.00
EPA GLRI AIS E GRT LAKES	10/1/2012	12/31/2014	EPA	FEDERAL	315,059.00
EPA GLRI ASHTABULA RIVER	10/1/2012	9/30/2014	EPA	FEDERAL	345,741.00
FSA CRP KINGS RVR E MASON	10/1/2012	9/30/2027	NRCS	FEDERAL	24,030.00
NRCS CIG FY13 RESTORATION	9/1/2013	8/31/2016	NRCS	FEDERAL	184,560.00
NRCS SAGE GROUSE CONSERVA	9/1/2013	8/30/2016	NRCS	FEDERAL	324,851.00
NRCS FRPP	9/13/2013	2/28/2015	NRCS	FEDERAL	60,025.00
FSA CRP KINGS RVR W MASON	10/1/2013	9/30/2028	NRCS	FEDERAL	26,506.50
NRCS CTAP ME ROAD STREAM	6/13/2014	5/1/2015	NRCS	FEDERAL	25,000.00
NRCS UPPER GUNNISON BASIN	8/15/2014	8/14/2017	NRCS	FEDERAL	25,000.00
NRCS EQIP BLACK CREEK	8/28/2014	1/30/2018	NRCS	FEDERAL	133,467.00
NRCS WEST KY WRE TA	9/1/2014	9/30/2016	NRCS	FEDERAL	61,240.00
NRCS WEST KY WRA FA	9/1/2014	9/30/2016	NRCS	FEDERAL	380,441.00
NRCS CTAP S BARRIER	9/12/2014	6/30/2017	NRCS	FEDERAL	108,300.00
NRCS FOREST UPLAND PRACTI	9/20/2014	9/20/2016	NRCS	FEDERAL	75,000.00
NRCS CIG 2014 BOONE OXBW	9/24/2014	9/30/2017	NRCS	FEDERAL	75,000.00
NRCS CONSERV TECH ASSIST	9/24/2014	9/30/2019	NRCS	FEDERAL	214,000.00
NRCS CIG APP	9/25/2014	9/30/2015	NRCS	FEDERAL	74,789.29
CALOOSAHATCHEE ECOSCAPE/NRCS BLACK BOAR	9/27/2013	9/27/2016	NRCS	FEDERAL	2,500,000.00
FLINT HILLS EASEMEN/NRCS ALE CORNELIUS	9/24/2014	9/30/2016	NRCS	FEDERAL	526,500.00
NRCS ALES W. DESERT MAIN	9/25/2014	9/30/2016	NRCS	FEDERAL	1,761,000.00
NRCS ALES EMMA PARK MAIN	9/25/2014	9/30/2016	NRCS	FEDERAL	1,968,750.00
CO RIVER PROJECT/NRCS LERRICK 1	9/25/2014	9/30/2016	NRCS	FEDERAL	900,000.00
NRCS ALES CARROLL 3	9/26/2014	9/30/2016	NRCS	FEDERAL	2,188,237.00
NRCS/ACEP-ALE 2014/BIG CREEK RANCH LLC4	9/29/2014	9/30/2016	NRCS	FEDERAL	2,560,763.00
USFS UPPER MONUMENT CREEK	1/14/2013	6/30/2014	USFS	FEDERAL	22,000.00
USFS KUIJU STREAM REST 13	8/13/2013	10/30/2014	USFS	FEDERAL	568,905.00
USFS SRS KAWISHIWI STEW	8/19/2013	3/31/2019	USFS	FEDERAL	50,000.00
USFS WATER FUND	8/20/2013	8/31/2018	USFS	FEDERAL	25,000.00
USFS HARRIS RIVER RD PHII	8/21/2013	9/30/2014	USFS	FEDERAL	40,000.00
USFS NE FOREST REST STRAT	8/21/2013	12/31/2017	USFS	FEDERAL	65,000.00
USFS OUACHITA NF BURNS	8/23/2013	12/31/2017	USFS	FEDERAL	100,000.00
USFS DPG RX FIRE SPA 006	8/23/2013	12/31/2017	USFS	FEDERAL	10,000.00
USFS CURRENT RIVER FOREST	8/26/2013	9/30/2015	USFS	FEDERAL	112,000.00
USFS STREAM HABITAT	8/26/2013	8/31/2015	USFS	FEDERAL	40,000.00
USFS RMRS FIRE SCIENCE	9/12/2013	6/30/2015	USFS	FEDERAL	18,847.00
USFS VALLES CALDERA 2014	3/14/2014	3/31/2019	USFS	FEDERAL	15,994.73
USFS CCS MT WATERSHEDS	3/31/2014	12/31/2016	USFS	FEDERAL	11,800.00
USFS RESTORATION TEAM	5/16/2014	5/15/2019	USFS	FEDERAL	285,000.00
USFS CCS SHARED POSITION	5/20/2014	5/20/2019	USFS	FEDERAL	55,000.00
USFS BIRD MONITORING AWD2	5/30/2014	5/29/2019	USFS	FEDERAL	15,783.60
USFS/DOI LANDFIRE 3	6/1/2014	3/31/2019	USFS	FEDERAL	576,230.00
USFS STANEY REST SPA	6/18/2014	12/31/2017	USFS	FEDERAL	40,000.00
FS CCS MIDEWIN VOLUNTEER	7/8/2014	7/7/2019	USFS	FEDERAL	72,000.00
USFS LASAL PLANT MONITOR	7/28/2014	9/30/2019	USFS	FEDERAL	72,553.01
USFS GUNNISON BASIN	7/31/2014	9/30/2019	USFS	FEDERAL	23,500.00
USFS/DOI PRFCT	8/1/2014	6/30/2019	USFS	FEDERAL	3,409,970.00
USFS/DOI SCENTRAL REG FLN	8/1/2014	6/30/2019	USFS	FEDERAL	24,490.00
USFS/DOI S BLUE RIDGE FLN	8/1/2014	6/30/2019	USFS	FEDERAL	39,210.00
USFS/DOI CENTENNIAL FLN	8/1/2014	6/30/2019	USFS	FEDERAL	22,080.00
USFS/DOI GREAT PLAINS FLN	8/1/2014	6/30/2019	USFS	FEDERAL	31,750.00
USFS/DOI WA DRY FORES FLN	8/1/2014	6/30/2019	USFS	FEDERAL	20,000.00
USFS/DOI CEN APPALACH FLN	8/1/2014	6/30/2019	USFS	FEDERAL	16,350.00
USFS/DOI PIKES PEAK FLN	8/1/2014	6/30/2019	USFS	FEDERAL	20,000.00
USFS/DOI NM RIOGRANDE FLN	8/1/2014	6/30/2019	USFS	FEDERAL	66,197.00
USFS/DOI NW FLN DRY FORES	8/1/2014	6/30/2019	USFS	FEDERAL	42,445.00
USFS/DOI NM SANJUAN CHAMA	8/1/2014	6/30/2019	USFS	FEDERAL	95,343.00
FS CHEROKEE NATIONAL FOR	8/18/2014	9/30/2019	USFS	FEDERAL	14,873.00
USFS DOG SALMON RESTORE	8/26/2014	9/30/2015	USFS	FEDERAL	18,000.00
USFS MONUMENT CREEK 2014	8/26/2014	7/31/2019	USFS	FEDERAL	250,000.00
USFS14 KIRTLANDS WARBLER	8/26/2014	9/30/2016	USFS	FEDERAL	24,496.00
USFS14 CERULEAN WARBLER	8/26/2014	9/30/2016	USFS	FEDERAL	30,778.00
FS GUNKS FIRE ADAPTED COM	9/11/2014	12/31/2015	USFS	FEDERAL	115,292.00
USFS OUCHTA NATL FRST BRN	9/12/2014	12/31/2017	USFS	FEDERAL	100,000.00

USFS LONGLEAF RESTR RX	9/18/2014	9/1/2019	USFS	FEDERAL	500,000.00
FS ALLEGHENY PARTNRSHP I	9/19/2014	9/1/2019	USFS	FEDERAL	500,000.00
USFS LSP CANNON ZUMBRO	9/23/2014	6/30/2017	USFS	FEDERAL	141,600.00
USFS SPA LILLIAN MOOSE	9/24/2014	6/30/2018	USFS	FEDERAL	20,833.00
USFS SANDLIN BAY STEWARD	9/25/2014	12/31/2019	USFS	FEDERAL	2,890,935.86
USDA WA COAST WORKS	10/3/2014	9/30/2015	USFS	FEDERAL	74,600.00
USFS K HARDIGG IPA	11/4/2014	11/30/2015	USFS	FEDERAL	75,000.00