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## Chairman Hastings' Statement on July Jobs Numbers

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – House Natural Resources Committee Chairman Doc Hastings (WA-04) released the following statement after the Department of Labor released their July jobs report, announcing unemployment is still above 9% nationwide.

"The economy has shed nearly 2 million jobs since the Democrats' failed 'stimulus' became law, yet President Obama's only answer to job creation is more regulation, spending and taxes. The House of Representatives has passed an array of bipartisan energy bills that would create over 1 million jobs, increase American energy production and lessen our dependence on dangerous foreign oil. Unfortunately, the Democrat controlled Senate has done nothing with these bills, ignoring commonsense proposals to put millions of Americans back to work. House Republicans will continue to look for ways to turn the economy around and create jobs while fighting off the Administration's burdensome, job destroying regulations."

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