

**COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES**  
**114<sup>th</sup> Congress Disclosure Form**  
**As required by and provided for in House Rule XI, clause 2(g)(5)**

*Federal Lands hearing on “Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Modernization Act” on October 28, 2015*

**For Individuals:**

Name:  
Address:  
Email Address:  
Phone Number:

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**For Witnesses Representing Organizations:**

Name: John Garder  
Name of Organization(s) You are Representing at the Hearing: National Parks Conservation Association  
Business Address: [REDACTED]  
Business Email Address: [REDACTED]  
Business Phone Number: [REDACTED]

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**For Nongovernment Witnesses ONLY:**

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

2013: USDA Forest Service, Flathead National Forest - \$20,000

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.

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# JOHN LEONID GARDER

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## RECENT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Sep, 10-Present National Parks Conservation Association Washington, DC  
*Director, Budget and Appropriations*
- Budget and legislative analysis: Analyzing National Park Service Budget Justifications, Interior & Environment Appropriations bills, and other relevant budget documents and legislation.
  - Writing and editing: Developing advocacy materials to support National Park Service funding. Editing organizational materials.
  - Public speaking: presenting to NPCA board and council, coalitions, conferences, media and other audiences.
  - Communications: developing materials, engaging in outreach, and discussing National Park Service funding issues with print, television and radio outlets.
  - Advocacy: Advocating to Administration and Congressional staff for restored funding for the National Park Service
- Nov, 09-Sep, 10 The Trust for Public Land (TPL) Washington, DC  
*Senior Legislative Representative II*
- Tracked Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) and Forest Legacy Program (FLP) projects and advocated project funding to members of Congress. Tracked appropriations requests.
  - TPL liaison to Bureau of Land Management (BLM) real estate staff, working to ensure project funding through both LWCF and Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act (FLTFA).
  - Led advocacy for Community Forest and Open Space Conservation Program, including coordinating supportive coalition and advocating program to appropriators.
  - Coordinated with LWCF coalition to advocate for full and dedicated funding.
  - Identified grassroots supporters to ensure diverse and robust outreach to Congress.
  - Tracked legislative developments.
- Mar, 05-Nov, 09 The Wilderness Society (TWS) Washington, DC  
*Public Lands Associate*
- Led strategy and implementation of coalition appropriations strategy seeking additional funding and budget clarity for the National Landscape Conservation System (NLCS). Coordinated with field partners, TWS regional offices and congressional staff to submit funding requests. Acted as a budget and appropriations resource to a large coalition.
  - Secured congressional support for legislative initiatives including bills, amendments, and sign-ons for letters to the appropriations and resources committees and DOI.
  - Assisted with coordination of a broad and diverse 80+ member coalition supporting NLCS.
  - Worked with a 30-member congressional caucus in support of the Conservation System. Expanded caucus and identified opportunities for advocacy.
  - Coordinated with The Wilderness Society's BLM Action Center and partners to analyze and comment on BLM Resource Management Plans and related administrative actions.

## EDUCATION

- 1999–2001 University of Michigan's School of Natural Resources and Environment Ann Arbor, MI  
▪ M.S. in Natural Resources (Resource, Policy & Behavior)
- 1992–1997 University of Colorado Boulder, CO  
▪ B.A. in Ethnic Studies  
▪ Graduated Magna Cum Laude