

**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)**

*Legislative hearing on H.R. 5780 (Rep. Rob Bishop), To provide greater conservation, recreation, economic development and local management of Federal lands in Utah, and for other purposes. "Utah Public Lands Initiative Act" on September 14, 2016*

**For Individuals:**

Name:  
Address:  
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**For Witnesses Representing Organizations:**

Name: Clif Koontz  
Name of Organization(s) You are Representing at the Hearing: Ride with Respect  
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.

none

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

# Clifton Koontz

## Relevant Experience

Ride with Respect, Moab UT  
Executive Director

('03-present *fourteen years*)

- Direct a 501c3 nonprofit that conserves shared-use recreation through trail work and education
- Manage Sovereign Trail System, which ten thousand bicyclists and off-highway vehicle (OHV) riders enjoy each year
- Assist OHV planning and management on BLM, USFS, and state land; supervised over 12,000 hours of field work to date
- Produce trail-ethic guides for businesses and info centers; monitor visitation levels and impacts, then evaluate for agencies
- Raise funds through writing grants, soliciting individuals, organizing benefit events, and selling recreational maps
- Coordinate employees and volunteers; administer budget, finances, insurance, and nonprofit status; attend board meetings

Elite Motorcycle Tours, Moab, UT  
Guide

('02-'03 *fifteen months*)

- Lead groups on multi-day motorcycle expeditions along trails in remote high-desert and mountainous regions
- Instructed riders on safe operation, effective technique, and responsible riding
- Ensured the well-being of riders, condition of vehicles, proper navigation, and trip supplies
- Composed business documents such as a risk management plan, operating plan, and promotional material
- Applied for and renewed permits to several BLM, USFS, and state districts

Bureau of Land Management, Moab, UT  
Volunteer Outdoor Recreation Technician

('01-'02 *four months*)

- Produced maps of three non-motorized trail networks for land managers via GPS hardware and GIS software
- Inventoried 200 miles of OHV routes over a 100-square-mile study area to produce maps characterizing each trail segment
- Presented inventory findings and a proposal to recreation planners and resource specialists that would balance interests
- Maintained recreational trails by replacing signs, marking routes, collecting trail logs, and preparing for traffic counters

National Park Service, North Rim of Grand Canyon, AZ  
GS5 Interpreter & Geologist-In-Parks Intern

('00-'01 *eleven months*)

- Developed and presented programs about ecology, astronomy, archeology, and music for groups of up to 150 visitors
- Audited each ranger's geology program and provided general guidance of geology interpretation throughout the season
- Created special programs such as Dynamic Earth for children and a ranger-led hike into the canyon
- Synthesized cutting-edge geologic research for staff by attending a professional conference and reviewing literature
- Staffed visitors center daily by distributing Park publications and answering questions, both logistical and interpretive

## Affiliations & Academic Education

**National OHV Conservation Council**, Great Falls, MT, board member, Utah partner ('12-present *five years*)

**Utah State Parks**, Salt Lake City, UT, OHV Advisory Council vice chair, member ('12-present *five years*)

**University of Montana**, Missoula, MT, Master of Science in Recreation Management (May '05)

- Produced graduate research paper entitled *Recreational Trail Conflict: Achieving Equity Through Diversity*
- Completed series of three courses in OHV management through Colorado State University

**Colorado College**, Colorado Springs, CO, Bachelor of Arts, Geology Major (May '00)

- Assisted teaching Introductory Geology course as a paraprofessional; lead lectures, labs, and field trips ('00 *one month*)
- Performed independent research on Syros, Greece; presented results at 13th Annual Keck Geology Consortium ('99 - '00)
- Introduced at-risk youth to nature through Learning Initiative In The Mountains; taught backcountry skills, ethics ('97- '00)
- Dean's List ('97-'98 *academic year*)