

**COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES**  
**113<sup>th</sup> Congress Disclosure Form**  
**As required by and provided for in House Rule XI, clause 2(g) and**  
**the Rules of the Committee on Natural Resources**

Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation  
Legislative Hearing on **H.R. \_\_\_ (Bishop)**, To amend the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act to improve consistency and accountability in the collection and expenditure of Federal recreation fees, and for other purposes.  
April 4, 2014

For Individuals:

1. Name:
2. Address:
3. Email Address:
4. Phone Number:

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For Witnesses Representing Organizations:

1. Name: Brian I. Merrill
2. Name of Organization(s) You are Representing at the Hearing:  

Western River Expeditions, Inc.  
& The Moab Adventure Center
3. Business Address: 7258 Racquet Club Dr.  
Salt Lake City, UT 84121
4. Business Email Address: [Information redacted for privacy]
5. Business Phone Number: [Information redacted for privacy]

## For all Witnesses

Name/Organization: Brian I. Merrill, CEO, Western River Expeditions, Moab Adventure Center  
Title/Date of Hearing Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation, Legislative Hearing on  
**H.R. \_\_\_ (Bishop)**, To amend the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act to improve consistency and  
accountability in the collection and expenditure of Federal recreation fees, and for other purposes.  
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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.

JD University of Maryland School of Law 1990  
BA Brigham Young University 1987

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.

Member Utah Bureau of Land Management Resource Advisory Council  
Board Member and Past President of America Outdoors Association  
Board Member and Past President of Grand Canyon River Outfitters Association  
Board Member Utah Guides and Outfitters  
Board Member Utah Tourism Industry Coalition  
BLM Special Recreation Permit holder  
National Park Service Concession Contract holder  
Licensed Outfitter with Utah State Parks and Recreation  
Utah Captains License

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.

26 years of experience working in the outfitting and guiding industry  
CEO of Western River Expeditions

d. Any federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) from the Department of the Interior or United States Department of Agriculture that you have received in the current year and previous four years, including the source and the amount of each grant or contract.

My company, Western River Expeditions holds special recreation permits administered by the Bureau of Land Management's Price, Utah and Moab, Utah Resource Areas. We also hold concession contracts with the Department of Interior in Grand Canyon National Park and Canyonlands National Park. Finally, we hold a Commercial Use Authorization with Arches National Park.

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. N/A

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. N/A

g. Any other information you wish to convey that might aid the Members of the Committee to better understand the context of your testimony. None

## Witnesses Representing Organizations

Name/Organization: Brian I. Merrill/Western River Expeditions, Moab Adventure Center

Title/Date of Hearing Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation, Legislative Hearing on **H.R. 503 \_\_\_ (Bishop)**, To amend the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act to improve consistency and accountability in the collection and expenditure of Federal recreation fees, and for other purposes.

March 4, 2014

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

N/A

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

N/A

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).

N/A

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.

N/A

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)).

N/A