



SUBCOMMITTEE ON
OVERSIGHT & INVESTIGATIONS
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

114TH ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations was created in the 114th Congress with the expressed purpose of pursuing aggressive oversight of executive branch regulations, rules and actions. Under Chairman Louie Gohmert (R-TX), these efforts focused on promoting job creation and economic growth, ensuring responsible use of taxpayer resources, and protecting public access to federal lands and waters.

The federal government's Gold King Mine Spill in the Animas River was the subcommittee's largest undertaking, as it has been at the forefront of the multiple Congressional investigations concerning the involvement of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Department of the Interior (DOI) in the August 2015 blowout. The subcommittee also led oversight on the Endangered Species Act (ESA) as part of the committee's long-term efforts to modernize ESA.

BY THE NUMBERS:

- 14 Oversight Hearings
- 41 Letters and Document Requests
- 4 Full Committee Oversight Hearings
- 2 Subpoenas issued
- 1 Joint Committee Hearing with the Committee on Oversight & Government Reform

KEY OVERSIGHT:

Gold King Mine Blowout: Led oversight at the subcommittee and full committee level of the EPA's Gold King Mine Spill in the Animas River and subsequent accounting of events from DOI and other federal agencies. These efforts included a joint committee hearing with the House Oversight & Government Reform Committee; 1 full Committee hearing; 11 document requests; 2 subpoenas; a Majority Staff Report; and over 100,000 pages of records analyzed

Endangered Species Act: Conducted extensive oversight on ESA, including the lack of state input in related decision-making, selective enforcement of ESA consultation requirements under Section 7 and expanded critical habitat designations

DOI's Culture of Corruption & Mismanagement: Held a series of hearings on the DOI's culture of corruption and ethics failures, including misconduct and mismanagement at Effigy Mounds National Monument and data manipulation at a U.S. Geological Service

Federal Footprint: Developed the [Federal Footprint Map](#), which continuously updates data direct from the agencies themselves to complete layers and legends detailing the roughly 640 million acres of land that the federal government currently owns, particularly in western states