

SUBCOMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS AND ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION

1324 Longworth House Office Building.

July 29, 2014

10:00 a.m.

AGENDA

Legislative hearing on:

- **H.R. 445** (Dent), To authorize a National Heritage Area Program, and for other purposes. *“National Heritage Area Act of 2013”*
- **H.R. 1785** (Reichert), To establish the Mountains to Sound Greenway National Heritage Area in the State of Washington, and for other purposes. *“Mountains to Sound Greenway National Heritage Area Act”*
- **H.R. 4119** (Johnson of GA), To direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the West Hunter Street Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia, and for other purposes. *“West Hunter Street Baptist Church Study Act”*
- **H.R. 4901** (Bishop), To maximize land management efficiencies, promote land conservation, generate education funding, and for other purposes. *“Advancing Conservation and Education Act of 2014”*
- **H.R. 4979** (Thornberry), To provide legal certainty to property owners along the Red River in Texas, and for other purposes. *“Red River Private Property Protection Act”*
- **H.R. 5086** (Fortenberry), To amend the National Trails System Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on the feasibility of designating the Chief Standing Bear National Historic Trail, and for other purposes.
- **S. 311** (Landrieu), A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating sites in the Lower Mississippi River Area in the State of Louisiana as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes. *“Lower Mississippi River Area Study Act”*
- **S. 476** (Cardin), A bill to amend the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Development Act to extend to the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Commission.
- **S. 609** (Udall of NM), A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land in San Juan County, New Mexico, and for other purposes. *“San Juan County Federal Land Conveyance Act”*

WITNESSES

Panel I

(10 a.m.)

Mr. Steve Ellis

Deputy Director

Bureau of Land Management

U.S. Department of the Interior

(H.R. 4901)

Ms. Vanessa P. Hickman

Land Commissioner

Arizona State Land Department

State of Arizona

(H.R. 4901)

Mr. Paul Spitler
The Wilderness Society
(*H.R. 4901*)

Mr. Jim Ogsbury
Executive Director
Western Governors' Association
(*H.R. 4901*)

Ms. Mary Abrams
Director
Department of State Lands
State of Oregon
(*H.R. 4901*)

Panel II

(*11:00 a.m.*)

The Honorable Mac Thornberry
Member of Congress

Mr. Steve Ellis
Deputy Director
Bureau of Land Management
U.S. Department of the Interior
(*H.R. 4979 and S. 609*)

Mr. Pat Canan
Captain Game Warden
Wichita Falls, TX
(*H.R. 4979*)

Panel III

(*11:30 a.m.*)

The Honorable David G. Reichert
Member of Congress

The Honorable Hank Johnson, Jr.
Member of Congress

The Honorable Jeff Fortenberry
Member of Congress

The Honorable Steny H. Hoyer
Member of Congress

Dr. Stephanie Toothman

Associate Director, Cultural Resources, Partnerships and Science
National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior
(H.R. 445, H.R. 1785, H.R. 4119, H.R. 5086, S. 311 and S. 476)

The Honorable Slade Gorton

Bellevue, WA
(H.R. 1785)

Reverend Ralph David Abernathy

Atlanta, GA
(H.R. 4119)

Panel IV

(12:00 p.m.)

The Honorable Charles W. Dent

Member of Congress

(Other Members of Congress may testify on H.R. 445)

Mr. Allen C. Sachse

Alliance of National Heritage Areas
(H.R. 445)

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