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*The Arizona Game and Fish Commission's formal positions on legislation are indicated in the summaries below.

*This list is not an exhaustive list of all legislation the Department is tracking but simply legislation that may impact the Department as introduced.

Support

HR 596 Public Lands Renewable Energy Development Act of 2013 (Gosar)

HR 1495 Arizona Land Sovereignty Act (Gosar)

HR 1825 Recreational Fishing and Hunting Heritage and Opportunities Act (Benishek)

Oppose

N/A

Spotlight

H.R.1799

Latest Title: To designate certain public lands in the Sonoran Desert of the State of Arizona as national conservation areas and wilderness areas, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep Grijalva, Raul M.](#) [AZ-3] (introduced 4/26/2013) **Cosponsors** (None)

Latest Major Action: 4/26/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

H.R.638

Latest Title: National Wildlife Refuge Review Act of 2013

Sponsor: [Rep Fleming, John](#) [LA-4] (introduced 2/13/2013) **Cosponsors** (12)

Latest Major Action: 4/25/2013 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

SUMMARY: National Wildlife Refuge Review Act of 2013 - Amends the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 to prohibit the Secretary of the Interior from establishing any new national wildlife refuges, except as expressly authorized by a law enacted after January 3, 2013.

Monitored Legislation

H.R. 65: Child Gun Safety and Gun Access Prevention Act of 2013

H.R. 226: Support Assault Firearms Elimination and Reduction for our Streets Act

H.R. 263: National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Reauthorization Act of 2013



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S. 689: Mental Health Awareness and Improvement Act of 2013
S. 738: Permanent Electronic Duck Stamp Act of 2013
S. 757: Multispecies Habitat Conservation Plan Implementation Act
S. 954: Agriculture Reform, Food, and Jobs Act of 2013
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S. 1153: Invasive Fish and Wildlife Prevention Act

Wildlife Fishing & Hunting Legislation



[H.R.263](#)

Latest Title: National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Reauthorization Act of 2013

Sponsor: [Rep Grimm, Michael G.](#) [NY-11] (introduced 1/15/2013) [Cosponsors](#) (1)

Related Bills: [S.51](#)

Latest Major Action: 1/31/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs.

Summary: Reauthorizes and revises the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act.

[H.R.322](#)

Latest Title: Hunting, Fishing, and Recreational Shooting Protection Act

Sponsor: [Rep Miller, Jeff](#) [FL-1] (introduced 1/18/2013) [Cosponsors](#) (90)

Latest Major Action: 1/18/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy.

SUMMARY: Hunting, Fishing, and Recreational Shooting Protection Act - Amends the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) to exclude from the definition of "chemical substance" for purposes of such Act: (1) any component of any pistol, revolver, firearm, shell, or cartridge the sale of which is subject to federal excise tax, including shot, bullets and other projectiles, propellants, and primers; and (2) any sport fishing equipment the sale of which is subject to federal excise tax and sport fishing equipment components.

[H.R.507](#)

Latest Title: Pascua Yaqui Tribe Trust Land Act

Sponsor: [Rep Grijalva, Raul M.](#) [AZ-3] (introduced 2/5/2013) [Cosponsors](#) (8)

Latest Major Action: 5/7/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

House Reports: [113-27](#)

SUMMARY: Pascua Yaqui Tribe Trust Land Act - Holds in trust for the Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to approximately 10 acres of federal land generally depicted as parcel A, and approximately 10 acres of federal land generally depicted as parcel B, on the map titled "PYT Land Department," dated January 15, 2013.

Makes that conveyance effective on the day after the date on which: (1) the Tucson Unified School District relinquishes all right, title, and interest to the parcel B land; and (2) the Secretary of the Interior approves and records the lease agreement between the Tribe and the District for the construction and operation of a regional transportation facility located on the Tribe's restricted land. Prohibits gaming on the lands held in trust under this Act. Prohibits the forfeiture or abandonment of any water rights that are appurtenant to such lands.

[H.R.596](#)

Latest Title: Public Lands Renewable Energy Development Act of 2013

Sponsor: [Rep Gosar, Paul A.](#) [AZ-4] (introduced 2/8/2013) [Cosponsors](#) (42)



Latest Major Action: 2/25/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation, Energy, and Forestry.

SUMMARY: Public Lands Renewable Energy Development Act of 2013 - Amends the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to require amounts received through FY2020 (currently, through FY2010) from leases under the Geothermal Steam Act of 1970 to be available to the Secretary of the Interior to spend in such amounts as are provided in advance appropriations acts for implementing such Acts.

H.R.638

Latest Title: National Wildlife Refuge Review Act of 2013

Sponsor: [Rep Fleming, John](#) [LA-4] (introduced 2/13/2013) [Cosponsors](#) (12)

Latest Major Action: 4/25/2013 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

SUMMARY: National Wildlife Refuge Review Act of 2013 - Amends the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 to prohibit the Secretary of the Interior from establishing any new national wildlife refuges, except as expressly authorized by a law enacted after January 3, 2013.

H.R.687

Latest Title: Southeast Arizona Land Exchange and Conservation Act of 2013

Sponsor: [Rep Gosar, Paul A.](#) [AZ-4] (introduced 2/14/2013) [Cosponsors](#) (4)

Related Bills: [S.339](#)

Latest Major Action: 5/15/2013 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 23 - 19.

SUMMARY: Southeast Arizona Land Exchange and Conservation Act of 2013 - Authorizes and directs the Secretary of Agriculture (USDA) (the Secretary), if Resolution Copper Mining, LLC offers to convey specified parcels of non-federal land in Gila, Yavapi, Maricopa, Coconino, Pinal, and/or Santa Cruz Counties, Arizona, that are acceptable to the Secretary or the Secretary of the Interior, to convey certain federal land in Pinal County, Arizona, to Resolution Copper.

H.R.826

Latest Title: Freedom to Fish Act of 2013

Sponsor: [Rep Whitfield, Ed](#) [KY-1] (introduced 2/26/2013) [Cosponsors](#) (6)

Related Bills: [S.421](#)

Latest Major Action: 2/27/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.

SUMMARY: Freedom to Fish Act of 2013 - Prohibits the Chief of the Army Corps of Engineers from taking any action (after August 1, 2012) to establish a restricted area prohibiting public access to waters downstream of a dam owned by the Corps. Requires the Chief to cease implementing any restricted area resulting from such action taken between August 12, 2012, and the date of enactment of this Act and to remove any barriers constructed in connection with that area.



[H.R.910](#)

Latest Title: Sikes Act Reauthorization Act of 2013

Sponsor: [Rep Fleming, John](#) [LA-4] (introduced 2/28/2013) **Cosponsors** (None)

Latest Major Action: 6/24/2013 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 84.

SUMMARY AS OF: Sikes Act Reauthorization Act of 2013 - Reauthorizes title I of the Sikes Act (conservation programs on military installations) for FY2015-FY2019.

[H.R.996](#)

Latest Title: Invasive Fish and Wildlife Prevention Act

Sponsor: [Rep. Slaughter, Louise McIntosh](#) [NY] (introduced 3/6/2013) **Cosponsors** (29)

Related Bills: [S. 1153](#)

Latest Major Action: 4/8/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, And Investigations.

Summary: Invasive Fish and Wildlife Prevention Act - Authorizes any person, entity, or the Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to propose the regulation of nonnative wildlife taxa.

Requires the Director to determine whether the proposal should be approved within 180 days. Requires the Director to promulgate regulations to:

(1) specify the criteria for regulating a nonnative taxon as an Injurious I taxon or Injurious II taxon that is injurious to humans, agriculture, horticulture, forestry, wildlife, or wildlife resources;

(2) establish a process for assessing and analyzing the risks of taxa that may have been imported into or found in interstate commerce; and

(3) designate a wildlife taxon that was previously designated as injurious by statute or the Secretary of the Interior as an Injurious I or Injurious II taxon.

Requires the Secretary, not later than three years after enactment of this Act, to:

(1) define the phrase "non-native wildlife taxa novel to the United States";

(2) establish a process to ensure that all such taxa are thereafter reviewed by the Director to determine whether they should be regulated as Injurious I or Injurious II taxa prior to allowing their importation; and

(3) seek to avoid, in promulgating such regulation, creating a new incentive for animal importers to import novel taxa prior to the effective date of such regulation.

Requires the Director, prior to designating a taxon as an Injurious I or Injurious II taxon, to prepare a risk determination.

Authorizes the Director to immediately and temporarily designate a nonnative wildlife taxon as Injurious I if an emergency exists because such unregulated taxon poses an imminent threat of harm to individuals in, or wildlife of, the United States or to the U.S. economy or environment.

Requires the Director to:

(1) establish an electronic, publicly available database that describes all quantities of imports of all live wildlife and the regulatory status of such wildlife;

(2) monitor and report on the identities and quantities of nonnative wildlife taxa being imported; and

(3) make more rapid determinations on proposals for regulation of importations or shipments of injurious mammals, birds, fish, amphibia, and reptiles under the Lacey Act by requiring the



Secretary to forego time-consuming optional administrative steps that are not essential and by authorizing the Secretary to forego economic impact analyses.

Gives the Secretary the primary authority to prevent the importation of, and interstate commerce in, wildlife pathogens and harmful parasites.

Requires the Secretary to promulgate regulations to impose import restrictions to prevent the importation of, and commerce in, such pathogens and parasites.

Establishes exemptions to such requirement.

Prohibits any person from:

(1) importing or knowingly possessing such an Injurious I or Injurious II taxon, or the descendant of such an animal, that was imported in violation of this Act;

(2) engaging in interstate commerce for or knowingly possessing such an animal that was transported in interstate commerce in violation of this Act; and

(3) releasing any such taxon into the wild.

Sets forth exemptions from such prohibitions.

Authorizes the Director to issue permits to qualified institutions to authorize actions otherwise prohibited for such taxon.

Establishes civil and criminal penalties for violations of this Act. Requires the Secretary to adopt a fee to be charged on imported live wildlife shipments, excluding shipments made by qualified institutions for scientific, veterinary, or medical research, education, conservation outreach, or display purposes.

Establishes the Injurious Wildlife Prevention Fund to carry out this Act.

H.R.1080

Latest Title: To amend the Sikes Act to promote the use of cooperative agreements under such Act for land management related to Department of Defense readiness activities and to amend title 10, United States Code, to facilitate interagency cooperation in conservation programs to avoid or reduce adverse impacts on military readiness activities.

Sponsor: [Rep Bordallo, Madeleine Z.](#) [GU] (introduced 3/12/2013) Cosponsors (None)

Latest Major Action: 6/17/2013 Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. [113-115](#), Part I.

SUMMARY: Amends the Sikes Act (conservation programs on federal lands) to allow funds appropriated to the Department of Defense (DOD) to be obligated for future costs of natural resource maintenance and improvement activities on military installations and state-owned National Guard installations.

Allows the recipient of funds provided by the Secretary of Defense or the Secretary of the military department concerned under a natural resources cooperative agreement to use such funds to satisfy any matching funds or cost-sharing requirement of the Departments of Agriculture (USDA) or the Interior.

H.R.1137

Latest Title: Joint Ventures for Bird Habitat Conservation Act of 2013

Sponsor: [Rep Kind, Ron](#) [WI-3] (introduced 3/13/2013) [Cosponsors](#) (1)

Latest Major Action: 3/21/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs.



SUMMARY: Joint Ventures for Bird Habitat Conservation Act of 2013 - Directs the Secretary of the Interior to conduct, through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, a Joint Ventures Program to develop a framework for the approval and establishment of Joint Ventures that: (1) provide financial and technical assistance to support regional migratory bird conservation partnerships, (2) develop and implement plans for the protection and enhancement of migratory bird populations, (3) complement and support activities by the Secretary and the Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to fulfill obligations under specified migratory bird and conservation Acts, and (4) support other specified goals and objectives.

Authorizes the Director to enter into agreements with eligible partners to establish Joint Ventures to: (1) promote sustainable migratory bird populations and fish and wildlife, (2) encourage stakeholder and government partnerships, and (3) establish science-based migratory bird conservation plans and promote broader landscape-level conservation of fish and wildlife habitat. Specifies that eligible partners include: (1) federal and state agencies; (2) affected regional, local, and tribal governments, private landowners, land managers, and other private stakeholders; (3) certain nongovernmental organizations; and (4) other relevant stakeholders. Authorizes the Director to award Joint Venture financial assistance grants.

H.R.1206

Latest Title: Permanent Electronic Duck Stamp Act of 2013

Sponsor: [Rep Wittman, Robert J.](#) [VA-1] (introduced 3/14/2013) [Cosponsors](#) (1)

Related Bills: [S.738](#)

Latest Major Action: 6/4/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SUMMARY: Permanent Electronic Duck Stamp Act of 2013 - Grants the Secretary of the Interior permanent authority to authorize any state to issue electronic duck stamps. Sets forth state electronic duck stamp application requirements.

H.R.1345

Latest Title: Catastrophic Wildfire Prevention Act of 2013

Sponsor: [Rep Gosar, Paul A.](#) [AZ-4] (introduced 3/21/2013) [Cosponsors](#) (16)

Latest Major Action: 4/23/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation, Energy, and Forestry.

SUMMARY: Catastrophic Wildfire Prevention Act of 2013 - Extends through FY2023 the authority for the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to enter into stewardship end result contracting projects with private persons or other public or private entities to perform services to achieve land management goals for national forests and public lands that meet local and rural community needs.

H.R.1348

Latest Title: Great Bend of the Gila National Monument Establishment Act

Sponsor: [Rep Grijalva, Raul M.](#) [AZ-3] (introduced 3/21/2013) [Cosponsors](#) (None)

Latest Major Action: 4/11/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation.



SUMMARY: Great Bend of the Gila National Monument Establishment Act - Establishes the Great Bend of the Gila National Monument in Arizona.

H.R.1350

Latest Title: Grand Canyon Watersheds Protection Act of 2013

Sponsor: [Rep Grijalva, Raul M.](#) [AZ-3] (introduced 3/21/2013) [Cosponsors](#) (14)

Latest Major Action: 3/28/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.

Summary: Grand Canyon Watersheds Protection Act of 2013 - Withdraws the approximately 982,550 acres of the Tusayan Ranger District in Arizona and federal land managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in the vicinity of Kanab Creek and in House Rock Valley from:

- (1) entry, appropriation, and disposal under the public land laws;
 - (2) location, entry, and patent under the mining laws; and
 - (3) operation of the mineral leasing, geothermal leasing, and mineral materials laws.
- Subjects such withdrawal to valid, existing rights.
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H.R.1495

Latest Title: Arizona Land Sovereignty Act

Sponsor: [Rep Gosar, Paul A.](#) [AZ-4] (introduced 4/11/2013) [Cosponsors](#) (3)

Related Bills: [H.R.1434](#), [H.R.1439](#), [H.R.1512](#)

Latest Major Action: 6/6/2013 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

SUMMARY: Arizona Land Sovereignty Act - Prohibits any further extension or establishment of national parks and monuments in Arizona, except by express authorization of Congress.

H.R.1799

Latest Title: To designate certain public lands in the Sonoran Desert of the State of Arizona as national conservation areas and wilderness areas, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep Grijalva, Raul M.](#) [AZ-3] (introduced 4/26/2013) [Cosponsors](#) (1)

Latest Major Action: 5/3/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation.

Summary: Arizona Sonoran Desert Heritage Act of 2013 - Establishes the Belmont-Harquahala National Conservation Area and the Gila Bend National Conservation Area in Arizona. Requires the Secretary of the Interior to manage the Conservation Areas as:

- (1) components the National Landscape Conservation System, and
- (2) in a manner that conserves and enhances their resources and values.

Designates specified wilderness and wilderness additions in Maricopa County, Arizona, as wilderness areas and as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System.

Establishes the Sentinel Plain Special Management Area and the Rainbow Valley Special Management Area in Arizona. Requires the Secretary to develop separate comprehensive



management plans for the long-term protection and management of such Areas. Requires the Secretary to provide for the protection of the Agua Caliente Road.

H.R.1744

Latest Title: Multispecies Habitat Conservation Plan Implementation Act

Sponsor: [Rep Horsford, Steven A.](#) [NV] (introduced 4/25/2013) [Cosponsors](#) (1)

Related Bills: [H.R.2276](#)

Latest Major Action: 5/3/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation.

Summary: Multispecies Habitat Conservation Plan Implementation Act - Amends P.L. 99-548, commonly known as the Mesquite Lands Act of 1986, to require proceeds from sales in the fourth area to be used for the implementation of a multispecies habitat conservation plan for the Virgin River in Clark County, Nevada, including any associated groundwater monitoring plan.

Amends the Lincoln County Land Act of 2000 to require implementation of a multispecies habitat conservation plan in Lincoln County, Nevada. Extends, until November 29, 2021, withdrawal and purchase authority with respect to the fifth and sixth areas.

H.R.1825

Latest Title: Recreational Fishing and Hunting Heritage and Opportunities Act

Sponsor: [Rep Dan Benishek](#) [MI] (introduced 5/3/2013) [Cosponsors](#) (72)

Related Bills: [S. 170](#)

Latest Major Action: 6/12/2013 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Ordered to be Reported by the Yeas and Nays: 28 – 15

Summary: Recreational Fishing and Hunting Heritage and Opportunities Act - Requires federal public land management officials to facilitate the use of, and access to, federal public lands, including National Monuments, Wilderness Areas, Wilderness Study Areas, or lands administratively classified as wilderness eligible or suitable and primitive or semi-primitive areas, for fishing, sport hunting, and recreational shooting, except as limited by:

(1) statutory authority that authorizes or withholds action for reasons of national security, public safety, or resource conservation;

(2) any other federal statute that specifically precludes recreational fishing, hunting, or shooting on specific federal public lands or waters; and

(3) discretionary limitations on recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting determined to be necessary and reasonable.

Requires Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Forest Service lands, excluding lands on the Outer Continental Shelf, to be open to recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting unless the managing agency acts to close such lands to such activity for purposes of resource conservation, public safety, energy production, water supply facilities, or national security.

Requires the heads of federal agencies to use their authorities to:

(1) lease their lands or permit use of their lands for shooting ranges, and

(2) designate specific lands for recreational shooting activities.

Sets forth requirements for a permanent or temporary withdrawal, change of classification, or change of management status that effectively closes or significantly restricts 640 or more contiguous acres of federal public lands for fishing or hunting or related activities.



[S.51](#)

Latest Title: National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Reauthorization Act of 2013

Sponsor: [Sen Boxer, Barbara](#) [CA] (introduced 1/22/2013) [Cosponsors](#) (10)

Related Bills: [H.R.263](#)

Latest Major Action: 1/22/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Summary: Reauthorizes and revises the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act.

[S.89](#)

Latest Title: Migratory Bird Treaty Amendment Act of 2013

Sponsor: [Sen Vitter, David](#) [LA] (introduced 1/23/2013) [Cosponsors](#) (None)

Latest Major Action: 1/23/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Summary: Amends the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to allow an agricultural producer, or a hunter with the producer's permission, to take migratory game birds by the aid of baiting, if: (1) the manipulation occurs on the producer's land on which a crop was not harvestable during the current or immediately preceding crop year due to a natural disaster, and (2) a local representative of the Secretary of Agriculture (USDA) confirms that the crop has been destroyed and that it would not be economically practicable to harvest the crop.

[S.170](#)

Latest Title: Recreational Fishing and Hunting Heritage and Opportunities Act

Sponsor: [Sen Murkowski, Lisa](#) [AK] (introduced 1/29/2013) [Cosponsors](#) (12)

Latest Major Action: 1/29/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Summary: To recognize the heritage of recreational fishing, hunting, and recreational shooting on Federal public land and ensure continued opportunities for those activities.

[S.279](#)

Latest Title: A bill to promote the development of renewable energy on public land, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen Tester, Jon](#) [MT] (introduced 2/11/2013) [Cosponsors](#) (7)

Similar Bills: HR

Latest Major Action: 2/11/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Summary: Provides wildlife mitigation revenues from the lease of public lands for renewable energy.

[S.339](#)

Latest Title: Southeast Arizona Land Exchange and Conservation Act of 2013

Sponsor: [Sen McCain, John](#) [AZ] (introduced 2/14/2013) [Cosponsors](#) (1)

Related Bills: [H.R.687](#)



Latest Major Action: 2/14/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SUMMARY: Southeast Arizona Land Exchange and Conservation Act of 2013 - Authorizes and directs the Secretary of Agriculture (USDA) (the Secretary), if Resolution Copper Mining, LLC offers to convey specified parcels of non-federal land in Gila, Yavapi, Maricopa, Coconino, Pinal, and/or Santa Cruz Counties, Arizona, that are acceptable to the Secretary or the Secretary of the Interior, to convey certain federal land in Pinal County, Arizona, to Resolution Copper.

S.338

Latest Title: Land and Water Conservation Authorization and Funding Act of 2013

Sponsor: [Sen Baucus, Max](#) [MT] (introduced 2/14/2013) [Cosponsors](#) (29)

Latest Major Action: 2/14/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SUMMARY: Land and Water Conservation Authorization and Funding Act of 2013 - Amends the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 to make permanent the authorization for the Land and Water Conservation Fund. Makes monies covered into the Fund available for expenditure to carry out the purposes of the Act without further appropriation. Requires not less than 1.5% of the annual authorized funding amount to be made available for projects that secure recreational public access to existing federal public land for **hunting**, fishing, and other recreational purposes.

S.738

Latest Title: Permanent Electronic Duck Stamp Act of 2013

Sponsor: [Sen Wicker, Roger F.](#) [MS] (introduced 4/16/2013) [Cosponsors](#) (3)

Related Bills: [H.R.1206](#)

Latest Major Action: 4/16/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SUMMARY: Permanent Electronic Duck Stamp Act of 2013 - Grants the Secretary of the Interior permanent authority to authorize any state to issue electronic duck stamps. Sets forth state electronic duck stamp application requirements.

S.757

Latest Title: Multispecies Habitat Conservation Plan Implementation Act

Sponsor: [Sen. Heller, Dean](#) [NV] (introduced 4/17/2013) [Cosponsors](#) (None)

Latest Major Action: 6/27/2013 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 122.

Summary: Multispecies Habitat Conservation Plan Implementation Act - Amends P.L. 99-548, commonly known as the Mesquite Lands Act of 1986, to require proceeds from sales in the fourth area to be used for the implementation of a multispecies habitat conservation plan for the Virgin River in Clark County, Nevada, including any associated groundwater monitoring plan.



Amends the Lincoln County Land Act of 2000 to require implementation of a multispecies habitat conservation plan in Lincoln County, Nevada. Extends, until November 29, 2021, withdrawal and purchase authority with respect to the fifth and sixth areas.

S. 1153

Latest Title: Invasive Fish and Wildlife Prevention Act

Sponsor [Sen Gillibrand, Kirsten E.](#) [NY] (introduced 6/12/2013) [Cosponsors](#) (2)

Related Bills: [H.R.996](#)

Latest Major Action: 6/12/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Summary: Summary Pending

Firearm Legislation

H.R.65

Latest Title: Child Gun Safety and Gun Access Prevention Act of 2013

Sponsor: [Rep Jackson Lee, Sheila](#) [TX-18] (introduced 1/3/2013) [Cosponsors](#) (None)

Latest Major Action: 1/25/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, And Investigations.

Summary: Amends the Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act to: (1) raise the age of handgun eligibility to 21 (currently, 18); and (2) prohibit persons under age 21 from possessing semiautomatic assault weapons or large capacity ammunition feeding devices, with exceptions.

H.R.226

Latest Title: Support Assault Firearms Elimination and Reduction for our Streets Act

Sponsor: [Rep DeLauro, Rosa L.](#) [CT-3] (introduced 1/14/2013) [Cosponsors](#) (10)

Latest Major Action: 1/14/2013 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

Summary: To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against tax for surrendering to authorities certain assault weapons.

H.R.437

Latest Title: Assault Weapons Ban of 2013

Sponsor: [Rep McCarthy, Carolyn](#) [NY-4] (introduced 1/29/2013) [Cosponsors](#) (77)

Related Bills: [S.150](#)

Latest Major Action: 2/28/2013 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, And Investigations.

Summary: Amends the federal criminal code to ban the import, sale, manufacture, transfer, or possession of a semiautomatic assault weapon



[S.150](#)

Latest Title: Assault Weapons Ban of 2013

Sponsor: [Sen Feinstein, Dianne](#) [CA] (introduced 1/24/2013) [Cosponsors](#) (23)

Related Bills: [H.R.437](#), [S.691](#)

Latest Major Action: 3/14/2013 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 27. **Failed to reach Cloture**

Summary: Makes various changes to gun laws by adding assault weapons and magazines over 10 rounds to banned items.

[S.649](#)

Latest Title: Safe Communities, Safe Schools Act of 2013

Sponsor: [Sen Reid, Harry](#) [NV] (introduced 3/21/2013) [Cosponsors](#) (1)

Related Bills: [H.R.359](#), [H.R.955](#), [H.R.1470](#), [S.54](#), [S.146](#), [S.374](#), [S.433](#), [S.443](#)

Latest Major Action: 4/18/2013 Senate floor actions. Status: **Considered by Senate.**

SUMMARY: Safe Communities, Safe Schools Act of 2013 - Amends the NICS Improvement Amendments Act of 2007 (NICS Act), the Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act (Brady Act), the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, and the federal criminal code to require background checks for all firearm sales, prohibit straw purchases of firearms, and expand the school safety grant program.

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