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Congressional News:

- HR2515: The Lower Colorado River Multi-species Act passed the US House of Representatives. It will still have to pass the US Senate.
- HR2016: To establish the National Landscape Conservation System, which is sponsored by Arizona's Senator Grijalva, passed the US House of Representatives on a recorded vote of 278-140.
- The Department of the Interior plans to have a new proposal submitted by April 30th (at the request and pressure received from more than 50 Senators) about regulations regarding carrying firearms into lands overseen by the National Parks Service and the Fish and Wildlife Service.

Congressional Legislation

Totals

House Bills:	**25**
Senate Bills:	**12**
Total:	**37**

Lists

- **Spotlight – Bills of Interest**
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Moving

S.86

Title: A bill to designate segments of Fossil Creek, a tributary to the Verde River in the

State of Arizona, as wild and scenic rivers.
Sponsor: Sen McCain, John [AZ] (introduced 1/4/2007) **Cosponsors** (1) J. Kyle
Related Bills: H.R.199
Latest Major Action: 1/30/2008 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
Commission Position: **Support**

S. 1341
Title: A bill to provide for the exchange of certain Bureau of Land Management land in Pima County, Arizona, and for other purposes. (Las Cienegas Enhancement and Saguaro National Park Boundary Adjustment Act)
Sponsor: Sen Kyl, Jon [AZ] (introduced 5/9/2007) **Cosponsors:** Sen. John McCain
Related Bills: H.R. 3617 HR 764
Latest Major Action: 4/10/2008 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 644.
Senate Reports: 110-292

S.2670
Title: A bill to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to ensure adequate funding for conservation and restoration of wildlife, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Sen Johnson, Tim [SD] (introduced 2/27/2008) Cosponsors (1)
Latest Major Action: 2/27/2008 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R.2016
Title: To establish the National Landscape Conservation System, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Grijalva, Raul M. [AZ-7] (introduced 4/24/2007) Cosponsors (67)
Related Bills: H.RES.1084, S.1139
Latest Major Action: 4/10/2008 Received in the Senate. Read twice. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 634.
House Reports: 110-561

H.R.2515
Title: To authorize appropriations for the Bureau of Reclamation to carry out the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program in the States of Arizona, California, and Nevada, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Heller, Dean [NV-2] (introduced 5/24/2007) Cosponsors (8)
Related Bills: S.300
Latest Major Action: 4/1/2008 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Received in the

Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
House Reports: 110-555

H.R. 5177

Title: To provide for a land exchange involving certain Bureau of Land Management lands in Pima County, Arizona, for the purpose of consolidating Federal land ownership within the Las Cienegas National Conservation Area, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Grijalva, Raul M. [AZ-7] (introduced 1/29/2008) **Cosponsors** (None)
Committees: House Natural Resources
Latest Major Action: 1/31/2008 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands.

Commission Position: Discussions have taken place.

H.R.5137

Title: To ensure that hunting remains a purpose of the New River Gorge National River.
Sponsor: Rep Rahall, Nick J., II [WV-3] (introduced 1/28/2008) Cosponsors (None)
Latest Major Action: 3/5/2008 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R.5583

Title: To withdraw the Tusayan Ranger District and Federal land managed by the Bureau of Land Management in the vicinity of Kanab Creek and in House Rock Valley from location, entry, and patent under the mining laws, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Grijalva, Raul M. [AZ-7] (introduced 3/11/2008) Cosponsors (None)
Latest Major Action: 3/13/2008 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.

H.R.5610
Title: To designate as wilderness additional National Forest System lands, Bureau of Land Management Lands, and National Parks Service lands in the States of West Virginia, Arizona, New Mexico, Oregon, and California, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Grijalva, Raul M. [AZ-7] (introduced 3/13/2008) Cosponsors (4)
Latest Major Action: 3/17/2008 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands.

Status Quo

S.272
Title: A bill to amend Public Law 87-383 to reauthorize appropriations to promote the conservation of migratory waterfowl and to offset or prevent the serious loss of important wetland and other waterfowl habitat essential to the preservation of migratory waterfowl, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Sen Coleman, Norm [MN] (introduced 1/11/2007) **Cosponsors** (None)
Latest Major Action: 1/11/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
Commission Position: N/A

S.300
Title: A bill to authorize appropriations for the Bureau of Reclamation to carry out the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program in the States of Arizona, California, and Nevada, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Sen Kyl, Jon [AZ] (introduced 1/16/2007) **Cosponsors** (3)
Latest Major Action: 7/26/2007 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Senate Subcommittee on Water and Power. Hearings held.
Commission Position: N/A

S.317
Title: A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to establish a program to regulate the emission of greenhouse gases from electric utilities.
Sponsor: Sen Feinstein, Dianne [CA] (introduced 1/17/2007) **Cosponsors** (1)
Related Bills: H.R.620
Latest Major Action: 1/17/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
Commission Position: N/A

S.408
Title: A bill to recognize the heritage of hunting and provide opportunities for continued hunting on Federal public land.
Sponsor: Sen Chambliss, Saxby [GA] (introduced 1/26/2007) **Cosponsors** (6)

Latest Major Action: 1/26/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
Commission Position: **Support**

S. 658
Title: A bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to improve the process for listing, recovery planning, and delisting, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Sen Thomas, Craig [WY] (introduced 2/16/2007) **Cosponsors** (5)
Latest Major Action: 2/16/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
Commission Position: N/A

S. 700
Title: A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code to provide a tax credit to individuals who enter into agreements to protect the habitats of endangered and threatened species, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Sen Crapo, Mike [ID] (introduced 2/28/2007) **Cosponsors** (25)
Related Bills: H.R.1422
Latest Major Action: 2/28/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
Commission Position: N/A

S. 725
Title: A bill to amend the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990 to reauthorize and improve that Act.
Sponsor: Sen Levin, Carl [MI] (introduced 3/1/2007) **Cosponsors** (2)
Latest Major Action: 3/1/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
Commission Position: N/A

S.1862
Title: A bill to provide for the exchange and conveyance of certain National Forest land and other land in southeast Arizona, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Sen Kyl, Jon [AZ] (introduced 7/24/2007) **Cosponsors** (1)
Latest Major Action: 7/24/2007 Referred to Senate committee. **Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
Commission Position: N/A (discussions ongoing)

S.2165
Title: A bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to provide for the suspension of each provision of the Act during periods of drought with respect to Federal and State agencies that manage Federal river basins that are located in each region affected by the drought.
Sponsor: Sen Isakson, Johnny [GA] (introduced 10/16/2007) **Cosponsors** (1)
Related Bills: H.R.3847
Latest Major Action: 10/16/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
Commission Position: (monitoring)

H.R.199
Title: To designate segments of Fossil Creek, a tributary to the Verde River in the State of Arizona, as wild and scenic rivers.
Sponsor: Rep Renzi, Rick [AZ-1] (introduced 1/4/2007) **Cosponsors** (6) Franks, Grijalva, Pastor, Giffords, Mitchell, Sarbanes
Related Bills: S.86
Latest Major Action: 2/7/2007 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands.
Commission Position: **Support**

H.R.620
Title: To accelerate the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in the United States by establishing a market-driven system of greenhouse gas tradable allowances that will limit greenhouse gas emissions in the United States, reduce dependence upon foreign oil, and ensure benefits to consumers from the trading in such allowances, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Olver, John W. [MA-1] (introduced 1/22/2007) Cosponsors (135)
Related Bills: S.280, S.317
Latest Major Action: 2/7/2007 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Oceans.
Commission Position: N/A

H.R.658
Title: To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into cooperative agreements to protect natural resources of units of the National Park System through collaborative efforts on land inside and outside of units of the National Park System, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Porter, Jon C. [NV-3] (introduced 1/24/2007) Cosponsors (4)
Related Bills: S.241
Latest Major Action: 6/26/2007 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 235.
Commission Position: N/A

H.R.764
Title: To expand the boundary of Saguaro National Park, to study additional land for future adjustments to the boundary of the Park, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Grijalva, Raul M. [AZ-7] (introduced 1/31/2007) **Cosponsors** (1) G, Giffords
Latest Major Action: 2/7/2007 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands.
Commission Position: N/A

H.R.767
Title: To protect, conserve, and restore native fish, wildlife, and their natural habitats at national wildlife refuges through cooperative, incentive-based grants to control, mitigate, and eradicate harmful nonnative species, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Kind, Ron [WI-3] (introduced 1/31/2007) Cosponsors (20)
Latest Major Action: 11/8/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
Commission Position: **Support**

H.R.1179
Title: To clarify the authority of the Secretary of the Interior with regard to management of elk in Rocky Mountain National Park.
Sponsor: Rep Udall, Mark [CO-2] (introduced 2/16/2007) **Cosponsors** (2)
Related Bills: S.684, S.917 (S. 684 identifies Theodore Roosevelt NP)
Latest Major Action: 2/26/2007 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands.
Commission Position: **Support**

H.R.1576
Title: To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions.
Sponsor: Rep Thompson, Mike [CA-1] (introduced 3/19/2007) Cosponsors (163)
Related Bills: S.469
Latest Major Action: 3/19/2007 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R.1691
Title: To end the use of conventional steel-jawed leghold traps on animals in the United States.
Sponsor: Rep Lowey, Nita M. [NY-18] (introduced 3/26/2007) **Cosponsors** (33)
Latest Major Action: 4/20/2007 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
Commission Position: N/A

H.R.1771 - Crane Conservation Act of 2007
Title: To assist in the conservation of cranes by supporting and providing, through projects of persons and organizations with expertise in crane conservation, financial resources for the conservation programs of countries the activities of which directly or indirectly affect cranes and the ecosystems of cranes.
Sponsor: Rep Baldwin, Tammy [WI-2] (introduced 3/29/2007) **Cosponsors** (7)
Related Bills: S.1048
Latest Major Action: 10/4/2007 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Voice Vote .
Commission Position: N/A

HR 2262
Title: To modify the requirements applicable to locatable minerals on public domain lands, consistent with the principles of self-initiation of mining claims, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Rahall, Nick J., II [WV-3] (introduced 5/10/2007) **Cosponsors** (62)
House Reports: 110-412
Latest Major Action: Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 244 – 166 - 11/5/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
Commission Position: **Support**

H.R.2337
Title: To promote energy policy reforms and public accountability, alternative energy and efficiency, and carbon capture and climate change mitigation, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Rahall, Nick J., II [WV-3] (introduced 5/16/2007) **Cosponsors** (7)
Latest Major Action: This bill text was generally incorporated in H.R. 3221, Division A, the New Direction for Energy Independence, National Security, and Consumer Protection Act.

Commission Position: N/A

H.R.2550
Title: To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act relating to recreational vessels.
Sponsor: Rep Taylor, Gene [MS-4] (introduced 5/24/2007) **Cosponsors** (70)
Latest Major Action: 5/25/2007 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.
Commission Position: N/A

H.R.2593
Title: To secure and conserve Federal public lands and natural resources along the international land borders of the United States, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: **Rep Grijalva, Raul M.** [AZ-7] (introduced 6/6/2007) **Cosponsors** (24)
Latest Major Action: 6/25/2007 Referred to House subcommittee. **Status:** Re-Referred to the Subcommittee on Border, Maritime, and Global Counterterrorism.
Commission Position: N/A

H.R.3029
Title: To conserve global bear populations by prohibiting the importation, exportation, and interstate trade of bear viscera and items, products, or substances containing, or labeled or advertised as containing, bear viscera, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Grijalva, Raul M. [AZ-7] (introduced 7/12/2007) **Cosponsors** (39)
Latest Major Action: 7/16/2007 Referred to House subcommittee. **Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Oceans.
Commission Position: N/A

H.R.3224
Title: To amend the National Dam Safety Program Act to establish a program to provide grant assistance to States for the rehabilitation and repair of deficient dams.
Sponsor: Rep Salazar, John T. [CO-3] (introduced 7/30/2007) Cosponsors (19)
Related Bills: H.R.389, H.R.1098, S.2238
Latest Major Action: 10/30/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
House Reports: 110-386
Commission Position: N/A

H.R.3255

Title: To prohibit a State from charging an individual more than $200 for a permit or license to hunt big game on Federal public lands within that State.
Sponsor: Rep Hunter, Duncan [CA-52] (introduced 7/31/2007) **Cosponsors** (None)
Latest Major Action: 8/8/2007 Referred to House subcommittee. **Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Oceans.
Commission Position: **Opposed**

H.R.3287
Title: To expand the Pajarita Wilderness and designate the Tumacacori Highlands Wilderness in Coronado National Forest, Arizona, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Grijalva, Raul M. [AZ-7] (introduced 8/1/2007) **Cosponsors** (1)
Latest Major Action: 11/13/2007 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.
Commission Position: **(**Discussions are ongoing)

H.R.3301
Title: To authorize and direct the exchange and conveyance of certain National Forest land and other land in southeast Arizona.
Sponsor: Rep Pastor, Ed [AZ-4] (introduced 8/1/2007) **Cosponsors** (3)
Latest Major Action: 11/1/2007 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.
Commission Position: N/A (Discussions are ongoing)

H.R.3617
Title: To provide for the exchange of certain Bureau of Land Management land in Pima County, Arizona, and for other purposes. (Las Cienegas Enhancement and Saguaro National Park Boundary Adjustment Act)
Sponsor: Rep Giffords, Gabrielle [AZ-8] (introduced 9/20/2007) **Cosponsors** (None)
Related Bills: S.1341
Latest Major Action: 9/24/2007 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands. (Grijalva's Committee)
Commission Position: Discussions are ongoing)

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