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Congressional Courant is published by the Arizona Game and Fish Department Legislative Affairs Division throughout the year. We provide a summary of Congressional legislation and national news that pertains to the Department.

Congressional News:

- H3036, the 'No Child Left Inside Act' passed the House last week. The new legislation amends the National Environmental Education Act with several provisions including more stringent provisions for the grants process.
- As of today, October 5th, the Senate used H.R.1424 as the vehicle for the economic rescue legislation (\$700 billion), or financial industry bailout package, which passed both chambers of Congress
- S3297 is a bill which contains multiple provisions, a 'christmas tree' bill entitled: Advancing America's Priorities Act. The last action was on 09/28/08 in the Senate with a motion to proceed on the floor. It could be heard in the event Congress has a lame duck session post-November elections.
- HR1771 The Crane Conservation Act, was reported out of Committee with no action, and is on the Senate Calendar under General Orders.

Congressional Legislation

Totals

House Bills: 25
Senate Bills: 15
Total: 40

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: 4/10/2008 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 635.

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

Commission Position: N/A

S.2766

Title: A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to address certain discharges incidental to the normal operation of a recreational vessel.

Sponsor: Sen Nelson, Bill [FL] (introduced 3/13/2008) Cosponsors (39)

Related Bills: H.R.5949

Latest Major Action: 7/29/08 Became Public Law No: 110-288 [GPO: [Text](#), [PDF](#)]

Senate Reports: [110-398](#)

Commission Position: N/A

S.3157 ‘Southeast Arizona Land Exchange of 2008 (Resolution Copper)’

Title: A bill to provide for the exchange and conveyance of certain National Forest System land and other land in southeast Arizona, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Sen Kyl, Jon](#) [AZ] (introduced 6/18/2008) **Cosponsors** (None)

Latest Major Action: 7/9/2008 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests. Hearings held.

Commission Position: Discussions are ongoing

S.3297 ‘Legislative Omnibus’

Title: A bill to advance America's priorities.

Sponsor: [Sen Reid, Harry](#) [NV] (introduced 7/22/2008) **Cosponsors** (7)

Latest Major Action: 9/26/2008 Senate floor actions. Status: Motion to proceed to measure considered in Senate by Unanimous Consent.

Commission Position: N/A

H.RES.1441 ‘No Child Left Inside’

Title: Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3036) to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 regarding environmental education, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep Castor, Kathy](#) [FL-11] (introduced 9/16/2008) **Cosponsors** (None)

Related Bills: [H.R.3036](#)

Latest Major Action: 9/18/2008 Passed/agreed to in House. Status: On agreeing to the resolution Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: 221 - 182 (Roll no. 611).

House Reports: [110-854](#)

Commission Position: N/A

H.R.1771 - Crane Conservation Act of 2008

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: 9/24/2008 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 1069.

House Reports: [110-635](#); **Senate Reports:** [110-493](#)

Commission Position: N/A

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

Commission Position: N/A

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: 6/16/2008 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 819.

House Reports: [110-555](#); Senate Reports: [110-387](#)

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: 9/24/2008 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 1071.

House Reports: [110-386](#); Senate Reports: [110-495](#)

Commission Position: N/A

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: 9/16/2008 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 1026.

Commission Position: N/A

H.R.5583 'Grand Canyon Watersheds Protection Act of 2008'

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: 6/5/2008 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

Commission Position: Support

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: 4/25/2008 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition and Forestry.

Commission Position: N/A

H.R.6124 'Farm Bill'

Title: To provide for the continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep Peterson, Collin C.](#) [MN-7] (introduced 5/22/2008) Cosponsors (None)

Related Bills: [H.R.2419](#), [H.R.3246](#), [S.2302](#)

Latest Major Action: Became Public Law No: 110-246 [GPO: [Text](#), [PDF](#)]

Note: [H.R. 6124](#) contains 15 farm bill titles and has been enacted over veto. Previously, [H.R. 2419](#) was enacted over veto, enacting 14 of 15 farm bill titles into law.

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](#), [S.2739](#)

Latest Major Action: 6/11/2008 Senate floor actions. Status: Indefinitely postponed by Senate by Unanimous Consent.

Senate Reports: [110-105](#)

Note: For further action, see [S.2739](#), which became Public Law 110-229 on 5/8/2008.

Commission Position: N/A

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)

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.

Commission Position: **Support**

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.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.

Commission Position: N/A

H.R.1691

Title: To end the use of conventional steel-jawed leg hold 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

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)

Related Bills: [H.R.3221](#)

Latest Major Action: 8/3/2007 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 186.

House Reports: [110-296](#) Part 1

Note: This bill text was generally incorporated in [H.R. 3221](#), Division A, the New Direction for Energy Independence, National Security, and Consumer Protection Act. [H.R.3221

Title: A bill to provide needed housing reform and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep Pelosi, Nancy](#) [CA-8] (introduced 7/30/2007) [Cosponsors](#) (18)

Related Bills: [H.RES.615](#), [H.RES.1175](#), [H.RES.1363](#), [H.R.6](#), [H.R.364](#), [H.R.906](#), [H.R.1933](#), [H.R.2304](#), [H.R.2313](#), [H.R.2337](#), [H.R.2389](#), [H.R.2420](#), [H.R.2635](#), [H.R.2701](#), [H.R.2773](#), [H.R.2774](#), [H.R.2776](#), [H.R.2847](#), [H.R.3220](#), [S.2636](#)

Latest Major Action: Became Public Law No: 110-289 [GPO: [Text](#), [PDF](#)]

Note: Previously [H.R. 3221](#) was the New Direction for Energy Independence, National Security, and Consumer Protection Act. Omnibus energy legislation was enacted in [H.R.6](#), which became Public Law 110-140 on 12/19/2007.]

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.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: **Support**

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)

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.

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