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- HR 3287 establishing Tumacacori Wilderness in Southern Arizona has been introduced by Congressman Grijalva. The Commission has voted to not support this legislation at this time. (5-0)
- Nearly 40 conservation organizations joined forces to place a full page ad in Roll Call, a political newspaper that circulates daily on Capitol Hill. The ad called for an additional \$6 billion for wildlife conservation and to support farmers and ranchers with their conservation efforts. One day earlier, an additional 15 environmental groups placed their own full page ad in Roll Call, also calling for more funding. Currently, the Senate has said it will include \$4.5 billion in their recommendation.

Congressional Legislation

Totals

House Bills:	15
Senate Bills:	10
Total:	25

Lists

- **Spotlight – Bills of Interest**
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Spotlight

H.R.767 Refuge Ecology Protection, Assistance, and Immediate Response Act of 2007 ([text](#))

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** (14)

Latest Major Action: 10/23/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Commission Position: N/A

Moving

H.R.1771 Crane Conservation Act of 2007 ([text](#))

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) Rep. Raul Grijalva

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 Hardrock Mining and Reclamation Act of 2007 ([text](#))

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** (15)

Latest Major Action: 10/23/2007 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 23 - 15.

Commission Position: **Support**

H.R.3301 Southeast Arizona Land Exchange and Conservation Act of 2007 ([text](#))

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) Mitchel Flake and Shadegg

Latest Major Action: 8/13/2007 Referred to House subcommittee. **Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands. ([Hearing on Nov 1](#))

Commission Position: N/A

Status Quo

S.86 Fossil Creek Wild and Scenic River Act of 2007 ([text](#))

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: 1/4/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Commission Position: N/A

S.272 ([text](#))

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 Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program Act ([text](#))

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.408 Hunting Heritage Protection Act ([text](#))

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: N/A

S. 658 Endangered Species Reform Act of 2007 ([text](#))

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 Endangered Species Recovery Act of 2007 ([text](#))

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** (16)

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 National Aquatic Invasive Species Act of 2007 ([text](#))

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. 1341 Las Cienegas Enhancement and Saguaro National Park Boundary Adjustment Act ([text](#))

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: 9/27/2007 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. **Status:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Senate Subcommittee on National Parks. Hearings held.

Commission Position: Discussions have taken place.

S.1862 Southeast Arizona Land Exchange and Conservation Act of 2007 ([text](#))

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.2067 Recreational Boating Act of 2007 ([text](#))

Title: A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act relating to recreational vessels.

Sponsor: Sen Martinez, Mel [FL] (introduced 9/18/2007) **Cosponsors** (9)

Related Bills: H.R.2550

Latest Major Action: 9/18/2007 Referred to Senate committee. **Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Commission Position: N/A

H.R.199 Fossil Creek Wild and Scenic River Act of 2007 ([text](#))

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** (3) Franks, Grijalva, Pastor

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: N/A

H.R.658 Natural Resource Protection Cooperative Agreement Act ([text](#))

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 Saguaro National Park Boundary Expansion and Study Act of 2007 ([text](#))

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.1179 ([text](#))

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** (1) Rep Gordon, Bart [TN-6] - 5/2/2007

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.1691 ([text](#))

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** (19)

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.2550 ([text](#))

Title: To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act relating to recreational vessels.

Sponsor: Rep Taylor, Gene [MS-4] (introduced 5/24/2007) **Cosponsors** (14)
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 The Borderlands Conservation and Security Act of 2007 ([text](#))

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** (11)
Latest Major Action: 6/25/2007 Referred to House subcommittee. **Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Border, Maritime, and Global Counterterrorism.
Commission Position: N/A

H.R.3029 Bear Protection Act of 2007 ([text](#))

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** (25)
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 Teddy Roosevelt Bring Back Our Public Lands Act of 2007 ([text](#))

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 Tumacacori Highlands Wilderness Act of 2007 ([text](#))

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: 8/6/2007 Referred to House subcommittee. **Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands.
Commission Position: **Do Not Support**

H.R.3617 Las Cienegas Enhancement and Saguaro National Park Boundary Adjustment Act ([text](#))

Title: To provide for the exchange of certain Bureau of Land Management land in Pima County, Arizona, and for other purposes.

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.

Commission Position: Discussions have taken place.

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