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House Bills

H.R.302
Latest Title: Preserve Land Freedom For Americans Act of 2011
Sponsor: Rep Foxx, Virginia [NC-5] (introduced 1/18/2011) Cosponsors (20)
Preserve Land Freedom For Americans Act of 2011 - Requires the President, prior to designating a national monument, to obtain a state's approval for a monument located on federal land within the state.
Bars the Secretary of the Interior from implementing any restrictions on the public use of a national monument until the expiration of an appropriate review period providing for public input and state approval.
Latest Major Action: 9/13/2011 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

H.R.758
Latest Title: National Monument Designation Transparency and Accountability Act
Amends the Antiquities Act of 1906 to require land reserved as part of a national monument to be confined to the smallest area essential to ensure the proper care and management of the objects of historic or scientific interest protected by the monument. Sets forth additional procedures for the designation of national monuments under the Act.
Sponsor: Rep. Nunes, Devin [CA-21] (introduced 2/17/2011) Cosponsors (25)
Related Bills: S.407
Latest Major Action: 9/13/2011 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

H.R.817
Latest Title:
To amend the Antiquities Act of 1906 to place additional requirements on the establishment of national monuments under that Act, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep. Herger, Wally [CA-2] (introduced 2/18/2011) Cosponsors (12)
Latest Major Action: 9/13/2011 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.
Amends the Antiquities Act of 1906 to require, in addition to a presidential declaration, congressional approval prior to the establishment of a national monument.

H.R.872
Latest Title: Reducing Regulatory Burdens Act of 2011
SUMMARY AS OF: 6/21/2011--Reported to Senate without amendment. (There are 4 other summaries)
(This measure has not been amended since it was passed by the House on March 31, 2011. The summary of that version is repeated here.)
Amends the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (commonly known as the Clean Water Act [CWA]) to prohibit the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) or a state from requiring a permit under the CWA for a discharge from a point source into navigable waters of a pesticide authorized for sale, distribution, or use under FIFRA, or the residue of such a pesticide, resulting from the application of such pesticide.
Exempts from such prohibition the following discharges containing a pesticide or pesticide residue: (1) a discharge resulting from the application of a pesticide in violation of FIFRA that is relevant to protecting water quality, if the discharge would not have occurred but for the violation or the amount of pesticide or pesticide residue contained in the discharge is greater than would have occurred without the violation; (2) stormwater discharges regulated under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES); and (3) discharges regulated under NPDES of manufacturing or industrial effluent or treatment works effluent and discharges incidental to the normal operation of a vessel, including a discharge resulting from ballasting operations or vessel bio-fouling prevention.
Sponsor: Rep. Gibbs, Bob [OH-18] (introduced 3/2/2011) Cosponsors (137)
Related Bills: S.1720
Latest Major Action: 6/21/2011 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 78.
House Reports: 112-43 Part 1, 112-43 Part 2

H.R.919
Latest Title: Mohave Valley Land Conveyance Act of 2011
SUMMARY AS OF: 3/3/2011--Introduced.
Mohave Valley Land Conveyance Act of 2011 - Directs the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), to convey, without consideration, specified public lands in Mohave County, Arizona, to the Arizona Game and Fish Commission for use as a public shooting range.
Sponsor: Rep Franks, Trent [AZ-2] (introduced 3/3/2011) Cosponsors (None)
Latest Major Action: 1/24/2012 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

H.R.1038
Latest Title:
Authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture (USDA) to convey all interest of the United States in and to two parcels of land within the boundaries of the Coconino National Forest, Arizona, that contain private improvements that landowners developed based upon an erroneous survey conducted in May 1960, to the person or legal entity representing the majority of those landowners.
Sponsor: Rep. Gosar, Paul A. [AZ-1] (introduced 3/11/2011) Cosponsors (None)
Latest Major Action: 2/29/2012 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.

H.R.1042
Latest Title: Discredit Eternal Listing Inequality of Species Takings Act (DELIST Act)
Amends the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA) to treat a limited listed species as extinct for purposes of this Act upon the expiration of the 15-year period beginning on the date it is determined by the Secretary of the Interior to be an endangered species, unless the Secretary publishes a finding that: (1) there has been a substantial increase in the population of the species during that period; or (2) the continued listing of the species does not impose any economic hardship on communities located in the range of the species.
Defines "limited listed species" as any species that is listed as an endangered species for which it is not reasonably possible to determine whether the species has been extirpated from the range of the species that existed on the date the species was listed because not all individuals of the species were identified at the time of such listing.
Sponsor: Rep. Baca, Joe [CA-43] (introduced 3/11/2011) Cosponsors (16)
Latest Major Action: 3/11/2011 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

H.R.1126
Latest Title: Disposal of Excess Federal Lands Act of 2011
Disposal of Excess Federal Lands Act of 2011 - Directs the Secretary of the Interior to offer for disposal by competitive sale certain federal lands in Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, and Wyoming, previously identified as suitable for disposal in the report submitted to Congress on May 27, 1997, pursuant to the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996.
Sponsor: Rep Chaffetz, Jason [UT-3] (introduced 3/16/2011) Cosponsors (21)
Related Bills: S.635
Latest Major Action: 10/25/2011 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

H.R.1413
Latest Title: Devil's Staircase Wilderness Act of 2011
Devil's Staircase Wilderness Act of 2011 - Designates certain federal land in Oregon as the Devil's Staircase Wilderness and as a wilderness area for inclusion in the National Wilderness Preservation System.
Amends the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate Franklin and Wasson Creeks in Oregon as wild rivers and as components of the Wild and Scenic Rivers System.
Sponsor: Rep DeFazio, Peter A. [OR-4] (introduced 4/7/2011) Cosponsors (3)
Latest Major Action: 10/25/2011 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

H.R.1443
Latest Title: Outdoor Sports Protection Act
Prohibits the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) from prohibiting or otherwise restricting, the manufacture, importation, sale, or use of any traditional hunting and fishing implement based on material content. Defines "traditional hunting and fishing implement" as any firearm, ammunition, ammunition component, fishing lure, fishing sinker or weight, and fishing line that contains lead, zinc, copper, or brass. Requires the Administrator to report any determination that the best scientific evidence available demonstrates that the use of any such implement has a substantially detrimental effect on the environment.
Prohibits the Departments of the Interior and of Agriculture (USDA) from newly prohibiting or limiting the use of any such implement on federal public lands based on material content. Directs the Secretary of either

department to report any determination that the best scientific evidence available demonstrates that such use has a substantially detrimental effect on the sustainability of a local fish or wildlife population. Prohibits a state or U.S. territory from being eligible for any funding or apportionment under the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act or the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act if the state or territory newly prohibits or otherwise restricts the sale or use of any such implement based on material content.
Sponsor: Rep. Broun, Paul C. [GA-10] (introduced 4/8/2011) Cosponsors (13)
Related Bills: H.R.1445
Latest Major Action: 5/11/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation, Energy, and Forestry.

H.R.1444
Latest Title:
To require that hunting activities be a land use in all management plans for Federal land under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture to the extent that such use is not clearly incompatible with the purposes for which the Federal land is managed, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep. Broun, Paul C. [GA-10] (introduced 4/8/2011) Cosponsors (13)
Latest Major Action: 9/9/2011 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

H.R.1445
Latest Title:
To prohibit the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency from regulating, based on material composition, any type of firearm ammunition or fishing tackle.
Sponsor: Rep. Broun, Paul C. [GA-10] (introduced 4/8/2011) Cosponsors (10)
Related Bills: H.R.1443
Latest Major Action: 4/15/2011 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy.

H.R.1452
Latest Title: Uranium Resources Stewardship Act
Uranium Resources Stewardship Act or URSA - Amends the Mineral Leasing Act to: (1) withdraw all federal lands permanently from location and entry for uranium, and (2) prescribe a uranium leasing program for such lands.
Sponsor: Rep. Heinrich, Martin [NM-1] (introduced 4/8/2011) Cosponsors (4)
Latest Major Action: 4/13/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.

H.R.1485
Latest Title: Catastrophic Wildfire Community Protection Act
Directs the Secretaries of Agriculture (USDA) and the Interior to carry out eligible projects on National Forest System lands and public lands, respectively, which are within or adjacent to at-risk communities or watersheds if the project is consistent with the applicable community wildfire protection plan. Requires eligible projects on such lands to be carried out in a cost-effective manner that focuses on surface, ladder, and canopy fuels reduction activities or implements forest restoration activities in response to extreme weather events or natural disasters. Requires the Secretaries to prepare an environmental assessment or an environmental impact statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 for each

proposed eligible project and evaluate and consider an alternative recommendation if a project is or may be inconsistent with its community wildfire protection plan. Requires administrative and judicial review of eligible projects in accordance with the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003.
Sponsor: Rep. Herger, Wally [CA-2] (introduced 4/12/2011) Cosponsors (13)
Latest Major Action: 5/11/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation, Energy, and Forestry.

H.R.1505
Latest Title: National Security and Federal Lands Protection Act
Prohibits the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture (USDA) from taking action on public lands which impede the border security activities of the Secretary of Homeland Security (DHS) (Secretary).
States that the Secretary shall have immediate access to any public land managed by the federal government in order to conduct activities that assist in securing the border (including access to maintain and construct roads, construct a fence, use patrol vehicles, and set up monitoring equipment).
States that a specified waiver by the Secretary of certain laws regarding sections of the international border between the United States and Mexico and between the United States and Canada shall apply to all sections of the international land and maritime borders of the United States within 100 miles of such borders with respect to the Secretary's activities under this Act.
Sponsor: Rep Bishop, Rob [UT-1] (introduced 4/13/2011) Cosponsors (59)
SUMMARY AS OF: 4/13/2011--Introduced.
Latest Major Action: 10/5/2011 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 26 - 17.

H.R.1507
Latest Title: Border Security Enforcement Act of 2011
SUMMARY AS OF: 4/13/2011--Introduced.
Border Security Enforcement Act of 2011 - Directs the Secretary of Defense (DOD) to deploy at least 6,000 National Guard personnel to perform operations in the Southwest Border region (Region) (the area in the United States that is within 150 miles of the U.S.-Mexico international border) to assist U.S. Customs and Border Protection in securing such border.
Directs the Secretary of Homeland Security (DHS) to increase, by September 30, 2016, the number of Border Patrol agents stationed in the Region by 5,000.
Directs the Attorney General, the Secretary, and the Director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts to: (1) implement Operation Streamline in the Region; and (2) reimburse state, local, and tribal law enforcement for related detention costs.
Authorizes the chief judge of each federal judicial district in the Region to appoint additional full-time magistrate judges who shall have the authority to hear all cases and controversies in the district in which the respective judges are appointed.
Directs the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to enhance border enforcement preparedness and operational readiness through Operation Stonegarden.
Directs the Secretary to: (1) construct, as needed, additional Border Patrol stations in the Region to provide operational support in rural, high-trafficked areas; (2) upgrade existing Border Patrol forward operating bases and establish new bases as needed; (3) complete the construction of a permanent checkpoint near Tubac, Arizona, and deploy additional temporary roving checkpoints in the Region.

Amends the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 to direct the Secretary to: (1) complete the required 700 mile southwest border fencing by December 31, 2011; and (2) construct double- and triple-layer fencing at appropriate locations in the Region.
Authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture (USDA) and the Secretary of the Interior to provide U.S. Customs and Border Protection personnel with access to federal lands under their respective jurisdictions (within 150 miles of the Region) for security activities.
Directs the Secretary to establish a two-year grant program to improve emergency communications for persons who live or work in the Region and who are at greater risk from border violence.
Provides for: (1) specified equipment and technology enhancements; and (2) reimbursement of state, county, tribal, and municipal costs associated with the prosecution and pre-trial detention of federally initiated criminal cases declined by local U.S. Attorneys' offices.
Amends the Tariff Act of 1930 to include ultralight vehicles within the definition of "aircraft" for purposes of aviation smuggling provisions.
Provides for DOD-DHS cooperation in identifying DOD equipment and technology that could be used by U.S. Customs and Border Protection to improve security along the U.S.-Mexico border by: (1) detecting border tunnels and ultralight aircraft, and (2) enhancing wide aerial surveillance.
Sponsor: Rep Flake, Jeff [AZ-6] (introduced 4/13/2011) Cosponsors (None)
Related Bills: H.R.3801, S.803, S.1485, S.1974
Latest Major Action: 7/11/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

H.R.1558
Latest Title: To amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to clarify the jurisdiction of the Environmental Protection Agency with respect to certain sporting good articles, and to exempt those articles from a definition under that 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.
Sponsor: Rep Miller, Jeff [FL-1] (introduced 4/14/2011) Cosponsors (164)
Related Bills: S.838
Latest Major Action: 4/25/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy.

H.R.1581
Latest Title: Wilderness and Roadless Area Release Act of 2011
Releases public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) pursuant to the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 that have not been designated as wilderness and identified by BLM as not suitable for designation as wilderness from further study for wilderness designation. Makes such lands no longer subject to the Act's requirement pertaining to the management of wilderness study areas in a manner that does not impair suitability for preservation as wilderness.
Releases inventoried roadless areas within the National Forest System that have not been designated as wilderness and were not recommended for designation as wilderness as a result of the second roadless area review and evaluation program (RARE II) or the subsequent revision of a land resource management plan, from further study for wilderness designation. Makes such System lands no longer subject to management to maintain roadless character and values and to comply with other land-use restrictions of

the Roadless Area Conservation Rule, as amended by the Roadless Area Conservation Final Rule (2001) and the State Petitions for Inventoried Roadless Area Management Final Rule (2005).
Sponsor: Rep. McCarthy, Kevin [CA-22] (introduced 4/15/2011) Cosponsors (42)
Related Bills: S.1087
Latest Major Action: 7/26/2011 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

H.R.1620
Latest Title: Federal Land Asset Inventory Reform Act of 2011
Directs the Secretary of the Interior to develop a multipurpose cadastre of federal real property (an inventory of real property of the federal government) to assist with federal land management, resource conservation, environmental protection, and use of real property. Authorizes the Secretary to enter into cost-sharing agreements with states to include any non-federal lands in a state in such cadastre. Limits the federal share of any such agreement to 50% of the total cost to a state for the development of the cadastre of the non-federal lands in the state.
Requires the Secretary to submit a report on: (1) existing real property inventories or any components of any cadastre, (2) consolidation of inventories and components, (3) the use of existing inventories and components of any cadastre, (4) the cost savings that will be achieved, and (4) recommendations for legislation.
Sponsor: Rep. Kind, Ron [WI-3] (introduced 4/15/2011) Cosponsors (11)
Related Bills: S.1153
Latest Major Action: 4/22/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.

H.R.1646
Latest Title: American Angler Preservation Act
Amends the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to require each scientific and statistical committee of the eight Regional Fishery Management Councils to provide its respective Council with ongoing risk neutral scientific advice (current law does not specify that such advice be risk neutral) for fishery management decisions.
Prohibits such a committee from recommending to increase or decrease an annual catch limit by 20% or greater unless the recommendation has been approved in a peer review process conducted exclusively by nongovernmental entities.
Requires fishery management plans, amendments, or regulations for overfished fisheries to specify a time period for ending overfishing and rebuilding the fishery that is as short as practicable (under current law, as short as possible). Modifies the exceptions to the requirement that such period not exceed ten years.
Requires consideration, in evaluating progress to end overfishing and rebuild overfished stocks, of factors other than commercial and recreational fishing.
Requires, when the Secretary of Commerce extends the rebuilding period under specified provisions, that the maximum rebuilding time not exceed the sum of the initial ten-year period, the expected time to rebuild the stock absent any fishing mortality and under prevailing environmental conditions, and the mean generation time of the stock.
Directs the Secretary, within 60 days after receiving a request from the governor of an affected state or a fishing community, to determine whether there is a commercial fishery failure due to a fishery resource disaster resulting from certain causes.
Sets forth procedures for certification of a fishery management plan (or amendment) requested by a percentage of eligible fisherman to establish a limited access privilege program to harvest in fisheries

under the authority of the New England, Mid-Atlantic, South Atlantic, or Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council. Prohibits the Secretary, acting through the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), from closing a fishery that would have an affect of at least $50,000 on each of more than 25 small businesses related to the recreational, charter, or commercial fishing industries involved in the fishery being closed, unless the Secretary certifies that specified conditions have been met.
Sponsor: Rep. Runyan, Jon [NJ-3] (introduced 4/15/2011) Cosponsors (6)
Related Bills: S.632, H.R.2772
Latest Major Action: 12/1/2011 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee Hearings Held.

H.R.1670
Latest Title: Sikes Act Amendments Act of 2011
Sikes Act Amendments Act of 2011 - Amends the Sikes Act (conservation programs on military installations and facilities) to include under such Act's coverage state-owned facilities used for National Guard training. Authorizes the Secretary of a military department to develop and implement an integrated natural resources management plan for a state-owned National Guard installation.
Sponsor: Rep. Bordallo, Madeleine Z. [GU] (introduced 5/2/2011) Cosponsors (None)
Latest Major Action: 7/21/2011 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 115.
House Reports: 112-175 Part 1

H.R.1719
Latest Title: Endangered Species Compliance and Transparency Act of 2011
Endangered Species Compliance and Transparency Act of 2011 - Requires the Administrator of each of the Bonneville Power Administration, the Western Area Power Administration, the Southwestern Power Administration, and the Southeastern Power Administration to: (1) include in monthly billing statements sent to customers estimates of each customer's share of such Administration's direct and indirect costs for compliance with the Endangered Species Act of 1973; and (2) submit an annual report estimating such costs (on a project-by-project basis for the Western Area Power Administration and on a system-wide basis for the other Administrations) to the House Committee on Natural Resources and the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works.
Sponsor: Rep. McMorris Rodgers, Cathy [WA-5] (introduced 5/4/2011) Cosponsors (10)
Latest Major Action: 9/22/2011 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

H.R.1819
Latest Title: State Wildlife Management Act of 2011
State Wildlife Management Act of 2011 - Amends the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA) to prohibit any gray wolf from being treated as an endangered species or threatened species or from being subject to such Act if the wolf: (1) is located in any state within the range of the Northern Rocky Mountain distinct population segment or anywhere in Nevada or Colorado and there are at least 450 gray wolves in such segment; (2) is located in any state within the range of the Western Great Lakes distinct population segment and the number of gray wolves within such state's boundaries is at least 1,200 for Minnesota, 150 for Michigan, and 150 for Wisconsin; or (3) is located in Arizona or New Mexico if the combined total number of gray wolves in those states is at least 100. Provides for: (1) state regulation of gray wolves if the population meets or exceeds the applicable number for such state; or (2) treatment as an endangered or threatened species if the number of gray wolves is less than that number until the Secretary determines that the number of gray wolves in such state equals at least that number during two consecutive years.

Defines "gray wolf" as any taxonomic group traditionally associated with the gray wolf, including Canus lupus, Canus lupus lycaon, and Canus lupus baileyi, regardless of specific taxonomy of any particular gray wolf variety as a species, subspecies, or other designation.
Sponsor: Rep. Miller, Candice S. [MI-10] (introduced 5/10/2011) Cosponsors (11)
Latest Major Action: 5/10/2011 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

H.R.1851
Latest Title: Land-In-Trust Schools and Local Governments Equitable Compensation Act
Directs the Secretary of the Interior to attempt to negotiate an agreement among a local educational agency (LEA) or local government, the Secretary, the state, and, if appropriate, a federally recognized Indian tribe or individual Indian under which the parties agree that payments representing property tax revenues lost as a result of the Secretary's taking land into trust for such tribe or Indian shall be: (1) waived in whole or in part; (2) limited for an agreed upon number of years; or (3) otherwise adjusted, including the timing of such payments.
Directs the Secretary to pay each LEA or local government for each fiscal year for which such an agreement is not in effect amounts necessary to ensure that the LEA or local government receives full payment for the amount of property tax revenues lost as a result of lands being held in trust by the Secretary for the benefit of a federally recognized Indian tribe or an individual Indian.
Directs the Secretary of the Treasury to transfer the amounts necessary for such payments directly to the Secretary from the Treasury's general fund without further appropriation.
Sponsor: Rep. Owens, William L. [NY-23] (introduced 5/11/2011) Cosponsors (None)
Related Bills: H.R.1882, S.988
Latest Major Action: 5/24/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee Indian and Alaska Native Affairs.

H.R.1904
Latest Title: Southeast Arizona Land Exchange and Conservation Act of 2011
Southeast Arizona Land Exchange and Conservation Act of 2011 - 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, Yavapai, 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.

- Requires the Secretary and Resolution Copper to appraise lands exchanged or conveyed under this Act.
- Makes the federal lands available to Resolution Copper for use for mining and related activities.
- Requires the Secretary to issue a special use permit to Resolution Copper to carry out mineral exploration activities: (1) under the Oak Flat Withdrawal Area if they would not disturb the surface of the area, and (2) within the Withdrawal Area (with the exception of within the Oak Flat Campground) if they are conducted from a single exploratory drill pad located to minimize visual and noise impacts on the Campground.
- Makes lands acquired by the Secretary under this Act part of the National Forest within which the land is located.
- Adds certain of the non-federal land acquired by the Secretary of the Interior in Gila, Pinal, and/or Santa Cruz Counties to the San Pedro Riparian and Las Cienegas National Conservation Areas.

- Instructs Resolution Copper to surrender, without compensation, the rights held by it under mining and other U.S. laws to commercially extract minerals under Apache Leap.
- Requires Resolution Copper to make value adjustment payments to the United States based upon locatable minerals produced from the federal land in Pinal County, Arizona.
- Authorizes the Secretary to issue to Resolution Copper special use permits that allow it to carry out underground activities (other than the commercial extraction of minerals) under the surface of Apache Leap that would not disturb the surface.
- Requires preparation of a management plan for Apache Leap.
- Directs the Secretary to convey specified lands in Pinal County to the town of Superior, Arizona.

Sponsor: Rep. Gosar, Paul A. [AZ-1] (introduced 5/13/2011) Cosponsors (28)
Related Bills: H.RES.444
Latest Major Action: 2/9/2012 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Hearings held.
House Reports: 112-246

H.R.1921
Latest Title: Build the Fence Now Act of 2011
SUMMARY AS OF: 5/13/2011--Introduced.
Build the Fence Now Act of 2011 - Amends the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 to require the Secretary of Homeland Security (DHS) to: (1) construct two layers of reinforced fencing along the entire international land border between the United States and Mexico; (2) provide for the installation of additional physical barriers, roads, lighting, cameras, radars, and sensors along the entire length of the international border between the United States and Mexico and the United States and Canada; and (3) complete such work within two years along the U.S.-Mexico border and within five years along the U.S.-Canada border.
Increases the FY2012 budget of the Tunnel Task Force (a joint Immigration and Customs Enforcement [ICE], Customs and Border Patrol [CBP], and Drug Enforcement Administration [DEA] force tasked to pinpoint smuggling tunnels) by 100% above the FY2007 budget.
Directs the Secretary to implement a program to fully integrate and utilize aerial surveillance technologies, including unmanned aerial vehicles, to enhance the security of the international borders between the United States and Mexico and the United States and Canada.
Sponsor: Rep Pompeo, Mike [KS-4] (introduced 5/13/2011) Cosponsors (2)
Latest Major Action: 6/2/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security.

H.R.1922
Latest Title: To provide U.S. Customs and Border Protection with access to Federal lands to carry out certain security activities in the Southwest border region, and for other purposes.
Grants U.S. Customs and Border Protection access to federal lands (excluding state-owned land within federal land boundaries) for security activities, including: (1) routine motorized patrols, and (2) the deployment of temporary tactical infrastructure.
Defines "federal lands" as all land, including a component of the National Wilderness Preservation System, under the control of any federal department or agency with legal jurisdiction over such land that is located within 150 miles of the Southwest border region.
Sponsor: Rep Quayle, Benjamin [AZ-3] (introduced 5/13/2011) Cosponsors (7)

Related Bills: H.R.3116
Latest Major Action: 6/2/2011 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote.

H.R.1989
Latest Title: Southern Arizona Public Lands Protection Act of 2011
Southern Arizona Public Lands Protection Act of 2011 - Withdraws federal lands and interests located in Pima and Santa Cruz Counties, Arizona, as well as all federally owned subsurface interests under the administrative jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in lands in Pima County, from: (1) all forms of 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 and geothermal leasing laws, and the mineral materials laws.
Withdraws all federally owned interests in BLM lands in Pima County from entry, location, or patent under the general mining laws.
Sponsor: Rep. Grijalva, Raul M. [AZ-7] (introduced 5/25/2011) Cosponsors (None)
Latest Major Action: 6/8/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands.

H.R.1990
Latest Title: Saguaro National Park Boundary Expansion and Study Act of 2011
Saguaro National Park Boundary Expansion and Study Act of 2011 - Amends the Saguaro National Park Establishment Act of 1994 to modify further the boundaries of Saguaro National Park to include specified land.
Allows the Secretary of the Interior, with the consent of the State of Arizona, to acquire from the state land or interests in land within the boundary of the Park.
Directs the Secretary to conduct a study to identify lands that would be a part of any future boundary adjustments for the Park. Instructs that such study examine the natural, cultural, recreational, and scenic values and characters of the lands identified.
Sponsor: Rep Grijalva, Raul M. [AZ-7] (introduced 5/25/2011) Cosponsors (None)
Latest Major Action: 6/08/2011 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands.

H.R.1996
Latest Title: Government Litigation Savings Act
SUMMARY AS OF:
5/25/2011--Introduced.
Government Litigation Savings Act - Revises provisions of the Equal Access to Justice Act (EAJA) and the federal judicial code relating to the fees and other expenses of parties in agency proceedings and court cases against the federal government to: (1) restrict awards of fees and other expenses under such Act to prevailing parties with a direct and personal monetary interest in an adjudication, including because of personal injury, property damage, or an unpaid agency disbursement; (2) require the reduction or denial of awards commensurate with pro bono hours and related fees and expenses to parties who have acted in an obdurate, dilatory, mendacious, or oppressive manner or in bad faith; (3) limit awards to not more than $200,000 in any single adversary adjudication or for more than three adversary adjudications in the same calendar year (unless the adjudicating officer or judge determines that a higher award is required to avoid severe and unjust harm to the prevailing party); and (4) expand the reporting requirements of the

Chairman of the Administrative Conference of the United States with respect to fees and other expenses awarded to prevailing parties during the preceding fiscal year.
Requires the Comptroller General to audit the implementation of EAJA for the years 1995 through the end of the calendar year in which this Act is enacted.
Sponsor: Rep Lummis, Cynthia M. [WY] (introduced 5/25/2011) Cosponsors (63)
Related Bills: S.1061, S.1720
Latest Major Action: 11/17/2011 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 19 - 14.

H.R.1997
Latest Title: Making Public Lands Public Access Act
Making Public Lands Public Access Act - Amends the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture (USDA) to ensure, from amounts requested for the Land and Water Conservation Fund per fiscal year, that not less than the greater of 1.5% of the requested amounts or $10 million be made available for certain projects identified on an annual priority list to be developed pursuant to this Act.
Requires projects identified on such a list to secure, through rights-of-way or the acquisition of lands or interests from willing sellers, recreational public access to existing federal public lands that have significantly restricted access to hunting, fishing, and other recreational purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Miller, Jeff [FL-1] (introduced 5/25/2011) Cosponsors (15)
Related Bills: S.901
Latest Major Action: 6/3/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands.

H.R.2210
Latest Title: Sportsmanship in Hunting Act of 2011
Sponsor: Rep Cohen, Steve [TN-9] (introduced 6/16/2011) Cosponsors (23)
Latest Major Action: 8/25/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
SUMMARY AS OF:
6/16/2011--Introduced.
Sportsmanship in Hunting Act of 2011 - Amends the federal criminal code to prohibit knowingly: (1) transferring, transporting, or possessing a confined exotic animal for purposes of allowing the killing or injuring of that animal for entertainment or for the collection of a trophy; or (2) making available a computer-assisted remote hunt. Defines "confined exotic animal" as a mammal of a species not indigenous to the United States that has been held in captivity for the majority of its life or a continuous period of one year.

H.R.2562
Latest Title: Wallow Fire Recovery and Monitoring Act
Sponsor: Rep Gosar, Paul A. [AZ-1] (introduced 7/15/2011) Cosponsors (2)
Related Bills: S.1344
Latest Major Action: 7/22/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation, Energy, and Forestry.
SUMMARY AS OF:
7/15/2011--Introduced.

Wallow Fire Recovery and Monitoring Act - Requires the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct and report on a hazard tree and commercial timber evaluation that identifies timber resources appropriate for removal within the Wallow Fire Area in Arizona and New Mexico not later than the date that is the earlier of: (1) 30 days after the completion of the burned area emergency response for the Wallow Fire Area; or (2) 45 days after the date of containment of the Wallow Fire.
Requires the Secretary to: (1) exclude from areas identified for tree removal high fire-severity burned areas on steep slopes, slopes with an incline greater than 40%, riparian areas, and fragile erosive sites, unless tree removal in those areas is necessary to address public health and safety concerns; and (2) limit the removal of trees under a timber removal project under this Act to hazard trees and trees that are already down, dead, or severely root-sprung, such that mortality is highly probable.
Provides that: (1) nothing in this Act authorizes new permanent road construction for timber removal, and (2) it is the intent of Congress that all timber removal projects carried out under this Act be completed within 18 months of this Act's enactment.
Requires the Secretary, in the case of a timber removal project to be conducted in a Community Protection Management Area, to prepare an environmental assessment for the proposed agency action under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA).
Subjects timber removal projects carried out under this Act to the special administrative process and judicial review process under the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003.
Requires amounts collected from a timber removal project carried out under this Act to be available for expenditure by the Secretary for forest restoration treatments in the Wallow Fire Area.

H.R.2834
Latest Title: To recognize the heritage of recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting on Federal public lands and ensure continued opportunities for these activities.
SUMMARY AS OF: 9/2/2011--Introduced.
Recreational Fishing and Hunting Heritage and Opportunities Act - Requires federal public land management officials, in cooperation with the respective state and fish and wildlife agency, to exercise their authority under existing law, including regarding land use planning, to facilitate the use of, and access to, federal public lands and waters for fishing, sport hunting, and recreational shooting, except as described in this Act.

Requires the heads of federal public land management agencies to exercise their discretion in a manner that supports and facilitates recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting opportunities, to the extent authorized under applicable law.
Requires that Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Forest Service lands, excluding lands on the Outer Continental Shelf, be open to recreational fishing, hunting, and shooting unless the managing agency acts to close lands to such activity. Permits closures or restrictions on such lands for purposes including resource conservation, public safety, energy or mineral production, energy generation or transmission infrastructure, water supply facilities, national security, or compliance with other law.
Allows federal agencies to: (1) lease their lands for shooting ranges, and (2) designate specific lands for recreational shooting activities.
Requires annual reports on closures of federal public lands to recreational fishing, sport hunting, or shooting. Sets forth requirements for specified closures or significant restrictions involving 640 or more contiguous acres of federal public lands or waters to fishing or hunting or related activities.
Instructs federal agencies to consult with respective advisory councils as specified in Executive Orders 12962 and 13443 in fulfilling the duties described in this Act.
Sponsor: Rep Benishek, Dan [MI-1] (introduced 9/2/2011) Cosponsors (58)

Latest Major Action: 11/17/2011 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 29 - 14.

H.R.2852
Latest Title: Action Plan for Public Lands and Education Act of 2011
SUMMARY AS OF: 9/7/2011--Introduced.
Action Plan for Public Lands and Education Act of 2011 - Makes grants of land to the following states in lieu of receiving, for the support of the common schools, 5% of the proceeds of the sales of federally owned land within such states which have not been sold by the United States as of January 1, 2011: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.
Makes the amount of land granted to each state 5% of the number of acres of federally owned land within that state as of January 1, 2011. Requires land selected to be held in trust to be sold or leased and the proceeds to be used only for the support of public education.
Sponsor: Rep Bishop, Rob [UT-1] (introduced 9/7/2011) Cosponsors (15)
Related Bills: S.1524
Latest Major Action: 9/22/2011 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

H.R.3009
Latest Title: National Wildlife Refuge Review Act of 2011
SUMMARY AS OF: 9/22/2011--Introduced.
National Wildlife Refuge Review Act of 2011- 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 September 30, 2011.
Sponsor: Rep Fleming, John [LA-4] (introduced 9/22/2011) Cosponsors (12)
Latest Major Action: 10/25/2011 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

H.R.3155
Latest Title: Northern Arizona Mining Continuity Act of 2011
SUMMARY AS OF: 10/12/2011--Introduced.
Northern Arizona Mining Continuity Act of 2011- Prohibits the extension, renewal, or issuance of a notice of segregation or withdrawal of the public lands and National Forest System lands (including a part of such land) identified in Public Land Order 7773 (concerning emergency withdrawal of such lands in Coconino and Mohave Counties, Arizona), except by an express authorization by Congress that refers to this Act. Prohibits any such notice from having any legal effect.
Sponsor: Rep Franks, Trent [AZ-2] (introduced 10/12/2011) Cosponsors (11)
Related Bills: S.1690
Latest Major Action: 11/3/2011 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

H.R.3440
Latest Title: Recreational Shooting Protection Act
SUMMARY AS OF: 11/16/2011--Introduced.
Recreational Shooting Protection Act - Requires National Monument land to be open to access and use for recreational shooting, except as limited by the Director of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) for one

or more of the following: (1) reasons of national security, (2) reasons of public safety, and (3) to comply with an applicable federal statute.
Instructs the Director, before a restriction or closure becomes effective, to: (1) publish a public notice of the closure or restriction in a newspaper in the area where it will be carried out, and (2) report to Congress on the location and extent of, and evidence justifying, such closure or restriction.
Requires management of BLM National Monument land in a manner that supports, promotes, and enhances recreational shooting opportunities.
Prohibits the issuance of closures or restrictions on such land that are substantially similar to those that were previously issued and not approved by federal law.
Sponsor: Rep Flake, Jeff [AZ-6] (introduced 11/16/2011) Cosponsors (31)
Latest Major Action: 1/24/2012 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

H.R.4089
Latest Title: Sportsmen's Heritage Act of 2012
Sponsor: Rep Miller, Jeff [FL-1] (introduced 2/27/2012) Cosponsors (26)
Related Bills: H.R.991, H.R.2834, H.R.3440, S.838, S.1066, S.2066
Latest Major Action: 2/29/2012 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 27 - 16.

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S.115
Latest Title: Migratory Bird Treaty Amendment Act of 2011
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.
Sponsor: Sen. Vitter, David [LA] (introduced 1/25/2011) Cosponsors (None)
Related Bills: H.R.1765
Latest Major Action: 1/25/2011 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S.249
Latest Title:
A bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to provide that Act shall not apply to any gray wolf (Canis lupus).
Sponsor: Sen. Hatch, Orrin G. [UT] (introduced 2/1/2011) Cosponsors (11)
Related Bills: H.R.509
Latest Major Action: 2/1/2011 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S.321
Latest Title: Delisting Gray Wolves to Restore State Management Act of 2011

Grants the full force and effect of law to the final rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Final Rule To Identify the Northern Rocky Mountain Population of Gray Wolf as a Distinct Population Segment and To Revise the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife."
Sponsor: Sen. Baucus, Max [MT] (introduced 2/10/2011) Cosponsors (1)
Latest Major Action: 2/10/2011 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S.357
Latest Title: Wildlife Disease Emergency Act of 2011
Authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to declare a wildlife disease emergency in one or more states for a disease that affects wildlife within the United States or, if it has the potential to enter the United States, outside the United States. Directs the Secretary, upon making such a declaration, to lead a coordinated response to the emergency. Authorizes the Secretary to implement a grant program to provide grants to state wildlife agencies and Indian tribes to coordinate the response to and address such declared emergencies. Establishes in the Treasury a Wildlife Disease Emergency Fund, to be administered by the Secretary to carry out this Act. Directs the Secretary to establish a Wildlife Disease Committee to assist the Secretary in increasing the level of preparedness needed to address emerging wildlife diseases. It also authorizes the Secretary to convene rapid response teams to address any wildlife disease emergency.
Sponsor: Sen. Lautenberg, Frank R. [NJ] (introduced 2/15/2011) Cosponsors (5)
Latest Major Action: 2/15/2011 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S.526 Latest Title: Mohave Valley Land Conveyance Act of 2011
Directs the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), to convey specified federal land in Mohave County, Arizona, to the Arizona Game and Fish Commission for use as a public shooting range.
Makes such conveyance subject to such terms and conditions as the Secretary may require, including appropriate conditions for addressing the impact of the shooting range on cultural resources.
Makes the Commission, if it accepts the conveyance of the federal land, responsible for the payment of: (1) consideration to the Secretary for such land in an amount that is consistent with conveyances made to governmental entities for recreational purposes under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, and (2) the administrative costs associated with the conveyance.
Requires the land conveyed under this Act to the Commission to be managed as a public shooting range and for recreation and other public purposes.
Requires the federal land to revert to the United States, at the Secretary's option, if it ceases being used for the purposes specified above. States that if the Secretary determines that such land should revert and that it is contaminated with hazardous waste, the local governmental entity to which the land was conveyed shall be responsible for the remediation of such contamination.
Sponsor: Sen. McCain, John [AZ] (introduced 3/9/2011) Cosponsors (1)
Latest Major Action: 1/13/2012 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 274.
Senate Reports: 112-112
AGF Commission Position: Support

S.714
Latest Title: Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act Reauthorization of 2011 Amends the Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act (FLTFA) to reauthorize, until July 25, 2021, the program for the

completion of appraisals and satisfaction of other legal requirements for the sale or exchange of public land identified for disposal under approved land use plans under the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976. Makes the FLTFA non-applicable to land eligible for sale under specified public land laws.
Sponsor: Sen. Bingaman, Jeff [NM] (introduced 4/4/2011) Cosponsors (5)
Related Bills: H.R.3365
Latest Major Action: 9/6/2011 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 149.
Senate Reports: 112-69

S.803
Latest Title: Border Security Enforcement Act of 2011
Sponsor: Sen McCain, John [AZ] (introduced 4/13/2011) Cosponsors (2)
Related Bills: H.R.1507, H.R.3801, S.1485, S.1974
Latest Major Action: 4/13/2011 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
SUMMARY AS OF: 4/13/2011--Introduced.
Border Security Enforcement Act of 2011 - Directs the Secretary of Defense (DOD) to deploy at least 6,000 National Guard personnel to perform operations in the Southwest Border region (Region) (the area in the United States that is within 150 miles of the U.S.-Mexico international border) to assist U.S. Customs and Border Protection in securing such border.
Directs the Secretary of Homeland Security (DHS) to increase, by September 30, 2016, the number of Border Patrol agents stationed in the Region by 5,000.
Directs the Attorney General (DOJ), the Secretary, and the Director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts to: (1) implement Operation Streamline in the Region; and (2) reimburse state, local, and tribal law enforcement for related detention costs.
Authorizes the chief judge of each federal judicial district in the Region to appoint additional full-time magistrate judges who shall have the authority to hear all cases and controversies in the district in which the respective judges are appointed.
Directs the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to enhance border enforcement preparedness and operational readiness through Operation Stonegarden.
Directs the Secretary to: (1) construct, as needed, additional Border Patrol stations in the Region to provide operational support in rural, high-trafficked areas; (2) upgrade existing Border Patrol forward operating bases and establish new bases as needed; (3) complete the construction of a permanent checkpoint near Tubac, Arizona, and deploy additional temporary roving checkpoints in the Region.
Amends the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 to direct the Secretary to: (1) complete the required 700 mile southwest border fencing by December 31, 2011; and (2) construct double- and triple-layer fencing at appropriate locations in the Region.
Authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture (USDA) and the Secretary of the Interior to provide U.S. Customs and Border Protection personnel with access to federal lands under their respective jurisdictions (within 150 miles of the Region) for security activities.
Directs the Secretary to establish a two-year grant program to improve emergency communications for persons who live or work in the Region and who are at greater risk from border violence.
Provides for: (1) specified equipment and technology enhancements; and (2) reimbursement of state, county, tribal, and municipal costs associated with the prosecution and pre-trial detention of federally initiated criminal cases declined by local U.S. Attorneys' offices.
Amends the Tariff Act of 1930 to include ultralight vehicles within the definition of "aircraft" for purposes of aviation smuggling provisions.

Provides for DOD-DHS cooperation in identifying DOD equipment and technology that could be used by U.S. Customs and Border Protection to improve security along the U.S.-Mexico border by: (1) detecting border tunnels and ultralight aircraft, and (2) enhancing wide aerial surveillance.

S.838
Latest Title: Hunting, Fishing, and Recreational Shooting Protection Act
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.
Sponsor: Sen. Tester, Jon [MT] (introduced 4/14/2011) Cosponsors (27)
Related Bills: H.R.1558, H.R.4089
Latest Major Action: 4/14/2011 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S.901
Latest Title: Making Public Lands Public Access Act
SUMMARY AS OF: 5/5/2011--Introduced.
Making Public Lands Public Access Act - Amends the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture (USDA) to ensure, from amounts requested for the Land and Water Conservation Fund per fiscal year, that not less than the greater of 1.5% of the requested amounts or $10 million be made available for certain projects identified on an annual priority list to be developed pursuant to this Act.
Requires projects identified on such a list to secure, through rights-of-way or the acquisition of lands or interests from willing sellers, recreational public access to existing federal public lands that have significantly restricted access to hunting, fishing, and other recreational purposes.
Sponsor: Sen. Tester, Jon [MT] (introduced 5/5/2011) Cosponsors (2)
Related Bills: H.R.1997
Latest Major Action: 5/5/2011 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S.927
Latest Title: Agency Overreach Moratorium Act
Agency Overreach Moratorium Act - Prohibits a federal agency from: (1) retroactively withdrawing any permit issued for federal land or any area of the outer Continental Shelf that would have been used to produce or harvest a domestic natural resource or to create one or more jobs, or (2) issuing a designation under any law that would restrict or prohibit access to those resources on such land or any such area, unless approved by an Act of Congress.
Prohibits the implementation of a proclamation issued under the Antiquities Act of 1906 for the designation of a national monument unless approved by an Act of Congress.
Bars a federal agency from taking any action to modify its authority with respect to issuing permits for natural resource development on federal lands or making federal land designations under any law until the Secretary of Commerce submits to Congress an economic analysis to determine: (1) whether the proposed action has the potential to reduce revenue to the Treasury, and (2) the potential impact of the action on property rights and existing contracts.

Sponsor: Sen Vitter, David [LA] (introduced 5/10/2011) Cosponsors (None)
Latest Major Action: 5/10/2011 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S.1087
Latest Title: Wilderness and Roadless Area Release Act of 2011
Sponsor: Sen Barrasso, John [WY] (introduced 5/26/2011) Cosponsors (5)
Related Bills: H.R.1581
Latest Major Action: 5/26/2011 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
SUMMARY AS OF: 5/26/2011--Introduced.
Wilderness and Roadless Area Release Act of 2011 - Releases public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) pursuant to the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 that have not been designated as wilderness and identified by BLM as not suitable for designation as wilderness from further study for wilderness designation. Makes such lands no longer subject to the Act's requirement pertaining to the management of wilderness study areas in a manner that does not impair suitability for preservation as wilderness.
Releases inventoried roadless areas within the National Forest System that have not been designated as wilderness and were not recommended for designation as wilderness as a result of the second roadless area review and evaluation program (RARE II) or the subsequent revision of a land resource management plan, from further study for wilderness designation. Makes such System lands no longer subject to management to maintain roadless character and values and to comply with other land-use restrictions of the Roadless Area Conservation Rule, as amended by the Roadless Area Conservation Final Rule (2001) and the State Petitions for Inventoried Roadless Area Management Final Rule (2005).

S.1249
Latest Title: Target Practice and Marksmanship Training Support Act
Sponsor: Sen Udall, Mark [CO] (introduced 6/22/2011) Cosponsors (8)
Related Bills: H.R.3065
Latest Major Action: 6/22/2011 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
SUMMARY AS OF: 6/22/2011--Introduced.
Target Practice and Marksmanship Training Support Act - Amends the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to: (1) authorize a state to pay up to 90% of the costs of acquiring land for, expanding, or constructing a public target range; (2) authorize a state to elect to allocate 10% of a specified amount apportioned to it from the federal aid to wildlife restoration fund for such costs; (3) limit the federal share of such costs under such Act to 90%; and (4) require amounts provided for such costs under such Act to remain available for expenditure and obligation for five fiscal years.
Shields the United States from any civil action or claim for money damages for injury to or loss of property, personal injury, or death caused by an activity occurring at a public target range that is funded by the federal government pursuant to such Act or located on federal land, except to the extent provided under the Federal Tort Claims Act with respect to the exercise or performance of a discretionary function.
Urges the Chief of the Forest Service and the Director of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to cooperate with state and local authorities and other entities to carry out waste removal and other activities on any federal land used as a public target range to encourage its continued use for target practice or marksmanship training.

S.1344
Latest Title: Arizona Wallow Fire Recovery and Monitoring Act
Sponsor: Sen Kyl, Jon [AZ] (introduced 7/11/2011) Cosponsors (1)
Related Bills: H.R.2562
Latest Major Action: 1/13/2012 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 287.
Latest Action: 1/18/2012 Star Print ordered on reported bill.
Senate Reports: 112-126
SUMMARY AS OF: 7/11/2011--Introduced.
Arizona Wallow Fire Recovery and Monitoring Act - Requires the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct and report on a hazard tree and commercial timber evaluation that identifies timber resources appropriate for removal within the Wallow Fire Area not later than the earlier of: (1) 30 days after the completion of the burned area emergency response for the Wallow Fire Area; or (2) 45 days after the date of containment of the Wallow Fire.
Requires the Secretary to: (1) exclude from areas identified for tree removal high fire-severity burned areas on steep slopes, slopes with an incline greater than 40%, riparian areas, and fragile erosive sites, unless tree removal in those areas is necessary to address public health and safety concerns; and (2) limit the removal of trees under a timber removal project under this Act to hazard trees and trees that are already down, dead, or severely root-sprung, such that mortality is highly probable.
Provides that: (1) nothing in this Act authorizes new permanent road construction for timber removal, and (2) it is the intent of Congress that all timber removal projects carried out under this Act be completed within 18 months of this Act's enactment.
Requires the Secretary, in the case of a timber removal project to be conducted in a Community Protection Management Area, to prepare an environmental assessment for the proposed agency action under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA).
Subjects timber removal projects carried out under this Act to the special administrative process and judicial review process under the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003.
Requires amounts collected from a timber removal project carried out under this Act to be available for expenditure by the Secretary without further appropriation for forest restoration treatments on the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest in Arizona.

S.1690
Latest Title: Northern Arizona Mining Continuity Act of 2011
Sponsor: Sen McCain, John [AZ] (introduced 10/12/2011) Cosponsors (5)
Related Bills: H.R.3155
Latest Major Action: 10/12/2011 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
SUMMARY AS OF: 10/12/2011--Introduced.
Northern Arizona Mining Continuity Act of 2011- Prohibits the extension, renewal, or issuance of a notice of segregation or withdrawal of the public lands and National Forest System lands (including a part of such land) identified in Public Land Order 7773 (concerning emergency withdrawal of such lands in Coconino and Mohave Counties, Arizona), except by an express authorization by Congress that refers to this Act. Prohibits any such notice from having any legal effect.

S.1775
Latest Title: Public Lands Renewable Energy Development Act of 2011
Sponsor: Sen Tester, Jon [MT] (introduced 11/1/2011) Cosponsors (4)
Latest Major Action: 11/1/2011 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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