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*Highlighted information indicates that the information has changed or been added since the last issue of the Congressional Courant.

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

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

Support

H.R.1443

Latest Title: Grand Canyon Bison Management Act

Sponsor: [Rep Gosar, Paul A.](#) [AZ-4] (introduced 3/18/2015) [Cosponsors](#) (8)

Related Bills: [S.782](#)

Latest Major Action: 4/7/2015 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands.

H.R.2406

Latest Title: SHARE Act

Sponsor: [Rep Wittman, Robert J.](#) [VA-1] (introduced 5/19/2015) [Cosponsors](#) (37)

Related

Bills: [H.R.327](#), [H.R.528](#), [H.R.578](#), [H.R.697](#), [H.R.1099](#), [H.R.1651](#), [H.R.2345](#), [H.R.2399](#), [H.R.2401](#),

[H.R.3310](#), [S.225](#), [S.263](#), [S.405](#), [S.561](#), [S.595](#), [S.659](#), [S.721](#), [S.722](#), [S.1769](#)

Latest Major Action: 3/1/2016 Referred to Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

House Reports: [114-377](#) Part 1

H.R.3173

Latest Title: Sportsmen's Conservation and Outdoor Recreation Enhancement Act

Sponsor: [Rep Walz, Timothy J.](#) [MN-1] (introduced 7/23/2015) [Cosponsors](#) (8)

Related Bills: [H.R.1651](#), [H.R.2957](#), [S.405](#)

Latest Major Action: 8/31/2015 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands.

H.R.3946

Latest Title: Protecting Local Communities from Executive Overreach Act

Sponsor: [Rep Gosar, Paul A.](#) [AZ-4] (introduced 11/5/2015) [Cosponsors](#) (28)

Latest Major Action: 11/10/2015 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands.



H.R.4818

Latest Title: Modernizing the Pittman-Robertson Fund for Tomorrow's Needs Act of 2016

Sponsor: [Rep Duncan, Jeff](#) [SC-3] (introduced 3/21/2016) [Cosponsors](#) (5)

Related Bills: [S.2690](#)

Latest Major Action: 3/24/2016 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands.

S.405

Latest Title: Bipartisan Sportsmen's Act of 2015

Sponsor: [Sen Murkowski, Lisa](#) [AK] (introduced 2/5/2015) [Cosponsors](#) (17)

Related: [H.R.1099](#), [H.R.1669](#), [H.R.2401](#), [H.R.2406](#), [H.R.3173](#), [S.263](#), [S.350](#), [S.556](#), [S.561](#), [S.595](#), [S.659](#), [S.721](#), [S.992](#), [S.1999](#)

Latest Major Action: 2/9/2015 Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 15.

S.1416

Latest Title: A bill to amend title 54, United States Code, to limit the authority to reserve water rights in designating a national monument.

Sponsor: [Sen Flake, Jeff](#) [AZ] (introduced 5/21/2015) [Cosponsors](#) (3)

Latest Major Action: 5/21/2015 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S.2690

Latest Title: Modernizing the Pittman-Robertson Fund for Tomorrow's Needs Act of 2016

Sponsor: [Sen Risch, James E.](#) [ID] (introduced 3/16/2016) [Cosponsors](#) (4)

Related Bills: [H.R.4818](#)

Latest Major Action: 3/16/2016 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Oppose

H.R.3882

Latest Title: Greater Grand Canyon Heritage National Monument Act

Sponsor: [Rep Grijalva, Raul M.](#) [AZ-3] (introduced 11/3/2015) [Cosponsors](#) (None)

Latest Major Action: 11/5/2015 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands.

S.286

Latest Title: Department of the Interior Tribal Self-Governance Act of 2015

Sponsor: [Sen Barrasso, John](#) [WY] (introduced 1/28/2015) [Cosponsors](#) (5)

Latest Major Action: 8/4/2015 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs.

Senate Reports: [114-60](#)



Spotlight

S.782

Latest Title: Grand Canyon Bison Management Act

Sponsor: [Sen McCain, John](#) [AZ] (introduced 3/18/2015) [Cosponsors](#) (1)

Related Bills: [H.R.1443](#)

Latest Major Action: 12/16/2015 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 329.

Senate Reports: [114-184](#)

Monitored Legislation

H.R.176: Local Act

H.R.201: Community Parks Revitalization Act

H.R.211: REBUILD Act

H.R.291: Water in the 21st Century Act

H.R.300: SMART Border Act of 2015

H.R.308: Keep the Promise Act of 2015

H.R.368: Safe and Responsible Gun Transfer Act

H.R.388: Wounded Veterans Recreation Act

H.R.427: Regulations From Executive in Need of Scrutiny Act

H.R.435: Disposal of Excess Federal Lands Act

H.R.461: Wild Game Donation Act of 2015

H.R.488: To Prohibit the Further Extension or Establishment of National Monuments in Nevada Except by Express Authorization from Congress

H.R.528: Recreation Fishing and Hunting Heritage and Opportunities Act

H.R.578: Recreational Lands Self-Defense Act of 2015

H.R.581: National Heritage Act of 2015

H.R.585: Amend Endangered Species Act of 1973 to establish a procedure for approval of certain settlements

H.R.659: Lesser Prairie Chicken Voluntary Recovery Act of 2015

H.R.695: Healthy Forest Management and Wildfire Prevention Act

H.R.752: Large Capacity Ammunition Feeding Device Act

H.R.774: Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing Enforcement Act of 2015

H.R.792: Acre In, Acre Out Act

H.R.1077: Casa Grande Ruins National Monument Boundary Modification Act of 2015

H.R.1099: Hunter and Farmer Protection Act

H.R.1107: Bureau of Reclamation Transparency Act

H.R.1180: Protecting 2nd Amendment Rights Act 2015

H.R.1207: Healthy Fisheries through Better Science Act

H.R.1214: National Forest Small Tracts Act Amendments Act of 2015

H.R.1217: Public Safety and Second Amendments Rights Protection Act of 2015



- H.R.1278: Water Infrastructure Resiliency and Sustainability Act of 2015
- H.R.1365: Ammunition and Firearms Protection Act
- H.R.1413: Firearms Manufacturers and Dealers Protection Act of 2015
- H.R.1416: A bill to amend title 54, US Code, to limit the authority to reserve water rights in designating a national monument
- H.R.1443: Grand Canyon Bison Management Act
- H.R.1445: LAND Act
- H.R.1485: Federal Lands Invasive Species Control, Prevention, and Management Act
- H.R.1505: Veterans Eagle Parks Pass Act
- H.R.1535: SACO Act
- H.R.1555: Forest Access in Rural Communities Act of 2015
- H.R.1732: Regulatory Integrity Protection Act of 2015
- H.R.1735: National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2016
- H.R.2290: To amend the Volunteer Organization Protection Act of 1997, to provide for liability protection for organizations or entities.
- H.R.2406: SHARE Act
- H.R.3173: Sportsmen's Conservation and Outdoor Recreation Enhancement Act
- H.R.3882: Greater Grand Canyon Heritage National Monument Act
- H.R.3946: Protecting Local Communities from Executive Overreach Act
- S.27: Wildlife Trafficking Enforcement Act
- S.90: Migratory Bird Treaty Amendment Act
- S.112: Common Sense in Species Protection Act of 2015
- S.119: Wounded Veterans Recreation Act of 2015
- S.146: Public Access to Public Land Guarantee Act
- S.225: Hunting, Fishing, and Recreational Shooting Protection Act of 2015
- S.226: Regulations From Executive in Need of Scrutiny Act of 2015
- S.228: National Monument Designation Transparency Act of 2015
- S.263: A bill to protect the rights of individuals to bear arms at water resources development projects
- S.286: Department of the Interior Tribal Self-Governance Act of 2015
- S.293: A bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to establish a procedure for approval of certain settlements
- S.326: Stewardship End Result Contracting Improvement
- S.330: Conservation Easement Incentive Act of 2015
- S.338: A Bill to Permanently Reauthorize the Land and Water Conservation Fund
- S.390: Making Public Lands Public Access Act
- S.405: Bipartisan Sportsmans Act of 2015
- S.407: Large Capacity Ammunition Feeding Device Act of 2015
- S.437: Improved National Monument Designation Process Act
- S.477: Firearms Manufacturers and Dealers Protection Act of 2015
- S.468: Sage-Grouse and Mule Deer Habitat Conservation and Restoration Act of 2015
- S.508: FLAME Act Amendments of 2015
- S.551: Denying Firearms and Explosives to Dangerous Terrorists Act of 2015
- S.556: Bipartisan Sportsmans Act of 2015
- S.593: Bureau of Reclamation Transparency Act
- S.595: Hunter and Farmer Protection Act of 2015
- S.659: Bipartisan Sportsmans Act of 2015
- S.695: Bipartisan Sportsmans Act of 2015



S.782: Grand Canyon Bison Management Act
S.828: A bill to clarify that a State has the sole authority to regulate the hydraulic fracturing on Federal land within the boundaries of the State
S.834: Sport Fish Restoration and Recreational Boating Safety Act
S.842: Intermountain West Corridor Development Act of 2015
S.C.R.11-Amendment838: To establish a spending-neutral reserve fund relating to the disposal of certain Federal Land

Wildlife Fishing & Hunting Legislation

H.R.308

Latest Title: Keep the Promise Act of 2015

Sponsor: [Rep Franks, Trent](#) [AZ-8] (introduced 1/13/2015) [Cosponsors](#) (7)

Related Bills: [S.152](#)

Latest Major Action: 11/16/2015 Failed of passage/not agreed to in House. Status: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Failed by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 263 - 146 (Roll no. 626).

House Reports: [114-95](#)

SUMMARY AS OF:

1/13/2015--Introduced.

Keep the Promise Act of 2015

Restricts gaming on land within the Phoenix, Arizona, metropolitan area acquired by the Secretary of the Interior in trust for the benefit of an Indian tribe after April 9, 2013. Terminates the restriction on January 1, 2027.

H.R.368

Latest Title: Safe and Responsible Gun Transfer Act

Sponsor: [Rep Deutch, Theodore E.](#) [FL-21] (introduced 1/14/2015) [Cosponsors](#) (None)

Related Bills:[H.R.1076](#), [S.551](#)

Latest Major Action: 2/5/2015 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.

SUMMARY AS OF:

1/14/2015--Introduced.



Safe and Responsible Gun Transfer Act

Amends the federal criminal code to prohibit a person who is not a licensed firearms importer, manufacturer, or dealer from transferring a firearm to, or receiving a firearm from, another unlicensed person, except: (1) through a licensed dealer or a law enforcement agency, which shall conduct a background check through the national instant criminal background check system; and (2) after inspecting a permit that confirms that such background check has been conducted. Specifies exceptions, including for: (1) the transfer of a bona fide gift between immediate family members; (2) a transfer that occurs by operation of law or by an executor or trustee because of the death of another person; (3) a temporary transfer that occurs in the home of the unlicensed transferee who believes that possession of the firearm is necessary to prevent imminent death or great bodily harm to the transferee; and (4) certain temporary transfers without the transfer of title at a shooting range, at a shooting competition, or while hunting, fishing, or trapping.

Sets forth requirements for a licensed dealer or law enforcement agency that assists in such transfer, including requirements to: (1) notify the transferor and transferee of compliance with background check requirements and of the receipt of any notification from the background check system that a transfer is prohibited, and (2) report to the Attorney General on such a transfer and on transfers of two or more pistols and/or revolvers to the same unlicensed transferee during any five consecutive business days. Permits such dealer or law enforcement agency to assess a processing fee.

Prohibits a licensed dealer from authorizing an employee to possess or transfer a firearm or ammunition in the course of employment unless such dealer has received a notice that the Attorney General has determined that receipt of a firearm by the employee would not be unlawful.

Authorizes the Attorney General to deny the transfer of firearms or the issuance of a federal firearms and explosives license to any individual if the Attorney General: (1) determines that such individual has been engaged in, or has provided material support or resources for, terrorist activities; and (2) has a reasonable belief that such individual may use a firearm or explosive in connection with terrorism. Allows any individual whose firearm or explosives license application has been denied to bring legal action challenging the denial. Permits the Attorney General to withhold information in firearms and explosives license denial revocation suits that would likely compromise national security. Authorizes the Attorney General to revoke firearms and explosives licenses and permits held by individuals determined to be engaged in terrorism.

Requires each person who owns or possesses a firearm to report its theft or loss to the appropriate local authorities within 48 hours after the theft or loss is discovered.

Requires each state that allows its residents to carry concealed firearms in or affecting interstate or foreign commerce to establish a process through which a resident must obtain a permit to carry a concealed firearm. Requires a state to: (1) ensure that a local



law enforcement agency participates in the process; and (2) require an applicant to be a legal U.S. resident of at least 21 years of age, to demonstrate good cause for requesting the permit and that he or she is worthy of the public trust to carry a concealed firearm in public, to complete a firearm safety training course, and to not have been convicted of a crime of violence.

H.R.435

Latest Title: Disposal of Excess Federal Lands Act of 2015

Sponsor: [Rep Chaffetz, Jason](#) [UT-3] (introduced 1/21/2015) Cosponsors (None)

Related Bills: [S.361](#)

Latest Major Action: 3/2/2015 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands.

SUMMARY AS OF:

1/21/2015--Introduced.

Wild Game Donation Act of 2015

Amends the Internal Revenue Code to: (1) increase the tax deduction for charitable contributions of qualified wild game meat by the processing fees paid with respect to such contributions, and (2) exclude from the gross income of meat processors processing fees paid by a charitable organization for the processing of donated wild game meat.

Defines "qualified wild game meat" as the meat of any animal typically used for human consumption but only if: (1) such animal is killed in the wild by the individual making the charitable contribution and is hunted or taken in accordance with all state and local laws, (2) the meat is processed for human consumption by a licensed processor, and (3) the meat is apparently wholesome as determined by regulations under the Bill Emerson Good Samaritan Food Donation Act.

H.R.461

Latest Title: Wild Game Donation Act of 2015

Sponsor: [Rep Young, Don](#) [AK] (introduced 1/21/2015) [Cosponsors](#) (38)

Latest Major Action: 1/21/2015 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

SUMMARY AS OF:

1/21/2015--Introduced.

Wild Game Donation Act of 2015



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H.R.488

Latest Title: To prohibit the further extension or establishment of national monuments in Nevada except by express authorization of Congress.

Sponsor: [Rep Amodei, Mark E.](#) [NV-2] (introduced 1/22/2015) **Cosponsors** (2)

Related Bills: [S.232](#)

Latest Major Action: 3/2/2015 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands.

SUMMARY AS OF:

1/22/2015--Introduced.

Prohibits any further extension or establishment of national parks and monuments in Nevada from being undertaken, except by express authorization of Congress.



[H.R.528](#)

Latest Title: Recreational Fishing and Hunting Heritage and Opportunities Act

Sponsor: [Rep Benishek, Dan](#) [MI-1] (introduced 1/26/2015) [Cosponsors](#) (36)

Latest Major Action: 3/2/2015 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands.

[H.R.578](#)

Latest Title: Recreational Lands Self-Defense Act of 2015

Sponsor: [Rep Gibbs, Bob](#) [OH-7] (introduced 1/28/2015) [Cosponsors](#) (67)

Related Bills: [S.263](#)

Latest Major Action: 1/29/2015 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.

SUMMARY AS OF:

1/28/2015--Introduced.

Recreational Lands Self-Defense Act of 2015

Prohibits the Secretary of the Army from promulgating or enforcing any regulation that prohibits an individual from possessing a firearm at a water resources development project administered by the Chief of Engineers if: (1) the individual is not otherwise prohibited by law from possessing the firearm, and (2) the possession of the firearm is in compliance with the law of the state in which the project is located.

[H.R.585](#)

Latest Title: To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to establish a procedure for approval of certain settlements.

Sponsor: [Rep Flores, Bill](#) [TX-17] (introduced 1/28/2015) [Cosponsors](#) (7)

Related Bills: [S.293](#)

Latest Major Action: 3/17/2015 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial And Antitrust Law.

[H.R.695](#)

Latest Title: Healthy Forest Management and Wildfire Prevention Act

Sponsor: [Rep Tipton, Scott R.](#) [CO-3] (introduced 2/3/2015) [Cosponsors](#) (15)

Latest Major Action: 3/16/2015 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands.

[H.R.774](#)

Latest Title: Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing Enforcement Act of 2015

Sponsor: [Rep Bordallo, Madeleine Z.](#) [GU] (introduced 2/5/2015) [Cosponsors](#) (13)

Latest Major Action: Became Public Law No: 114-81

House Reports: [114-212](#) Part 1



[H.R.792](#)

Latest Title: Acre In, Acre Out Act

Sponsor: [Rep Griffith, H. Morgan](#) [VA-9] (introduced 2/5/2015) Cosponsors (None)

Latest Major Action: 3/16/2015 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands.

[H.R.900](#)

Latest Title: National Monument Designation Transparency and Accountability Act of 2015

Sponsor: [Rep. Labrador, Raul R. \[R-ID-1\]](#) (Introduced 02/11/2015)Cosponsors (9)

Latest Major Action: 3/16/2015 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands.

[H.R.1077](#)

Latest Title: Casa Grande Ruins National Monument Boundary Modification Act of 2015

Sponsor: [Rep Kirkpatrick, Ann](#) [AZ-1] (introduced 2/25/2015) [Cosponsors](#) (3)

Latest Major Action: 3/23/2015 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands.

[H.R.1099](#)

Latest Title: Hunter and Farmer Protection Act

Sponsor: [Rep Crawford, Eric A. "Rick"](#) [AR-1] (introduced 2/26/2015) [Cosponsors](#) (3)

Related Bills:[S.405](#), [S.595](#), [S.659](#)

Latest Major Action: 3/23/2015 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands.

[H.R.1207](#)

Latest Title: Healthy Fisheries through Better Science Act

Sponsor: [Rep Wittman, Robert J.](#) [VA-1] (introduced 3/2/2015) Cosponsors (None)

Latest Major Action: 3/23/2015 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans.

[H.R.1365](#)

Latest Title: Ammunition and Firearms Protection Act

Sponsor: [Rep McHenry, Patrick T.](#) [NC-10] (introduced 3/16/2015) [Cosponsors](#) (41)

Latest Major Action: 3/31/2015 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.

[H.R.1413](#)

Latest Title: Firearms Manufacturers and Dealers Protection Act of 2015

Sponsor: [Rep Schweikert, David](#) [AZ-6] (introduced 3/17/2015) [Cosponsors](#) (21)

Related Bills:[S.477](#)

Latest Major Action: 6/11/2015 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Hearings Held by the Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit Prior to Referral.



SUMMARY AS OF:

3/17/2015--Introduced.

Firearms Manufacturers and Dealers Protection Act of 2015

This bill declares that funds appropriated or otherwise made available, including amounts derived from any fee or other source, are denied to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Department of Justice, or any other federal agency to carry out Operation Choke Point or any other program designed to discourage the provision or continuation of credit or the processing of payments by financial institutions for dealers and manufacturers of firearms and ammunition.

[H.R.1443](#)

Latest Title: Grand Canyon Bison Management Act

Sponsor: [Rep Gosar, Paul A.](#) [AZ-4] (introduced 3/18/2015) [Cosponsors](#) (7)

Related Bills: [S.782](#)

Latest Major Action: 4/7/2015 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands.

SUMMARY AS OF:

3/18/2015--Introduced.

Grand Canyon Bison Management Act

Directs the Department of the Interior to publish a management plan to reduce, through humane lethal culling by skilled public volunteers and other nonlethal means, the population of bison in the Grand Canyon National Park in Arizona that Interior determines are detrimental to the uses of the Park.

Permits the removal by such a volunteer of a full bison harvested from the Park.

Instructs Interior to coordinate with the Arizona Game and Fish Commission regarding the development and implementation of the management plan.

Requires Interior, in developing such plan, to comply with all applicable federal environmental laws, including the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA).

[H.R.1445](#)

Latest Title: Land Acquisition to cut National Debt Act

Sponsor: [Rep Hardy, Crescent](#) [NV-4] (introduced 3/18/2015) [Cosponsors](#) (1)

Latest Major Action: 4/8/2015 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.



SUMMARY AS OF:

3/18/2015--Introduced.

Land Acquisition to cut National Debt Act or LAND Act

Bars the Department of the Interior from using federal funding to purchase land resulting in a net increase of land acreage being under the jurisdiction of the National Park Service, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, or the Bureau of Land Management unless the federal budget is balanced for the year in which such land would be purchased.

Makes such prohibition inapplicable to: (1) lands purchased with funding made available through the sale of Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamps, and (2) easements acquired by Interior to facilitate the management of federal lands.

Bars the Department of Agriculture (USDA) from using federal funding to purchase land resulting in a net increase of land acreage included in the National Forest System unless the federal budget is balanced for the year in which that land would be purchased. Makes such prohibition inapplicable to easements acquired by the USDA to facilitate the management of federal lands.

H.R.1485

Latest Title: Federal Lands Invasive Species Control, Prevention, and Management Act

Sponsor: [Rep Amodei, Mark E.](#) [NV-2] (introduced 3/19/2015) [Cosponsors](#) (1)

Latest Major Action: 4/8/2015 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans.

SUMMARY AS OF:

3/19/2015--Introduced.

Federal Lands Invasive Species Control, Prevention, and Management Act

Directs the Department of the Interior (respecting federal lands administered through the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation, National Park Service, or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service) and the Department of Agriculture (USDA) (respecting federal lands administered through the U.S. Forest Service) to plan and carry out activities on lands directly managed by the department concerned to control and manage invasive species in order to inhibit or reduce their populations and to effectuate restoration or reclamation efforts.

Requires the department concerned to develop a strategic plan for the implementation of an invasive species program that endeavors to achieve an annual 5% net reduction of invasive species populations on lands managed by that department.



Requires USDA and Interior to require the use of the least costly options necessary to perform effectively, based on sound scientific data and other commonly used cost-effective benchmarks in the area.

H.R.1732

Latest Title: Regulatory Integrity Protection Act of 2015

Sponsor: [Rep. Shuster, Bill \[R-PA-9\]](#) (Introduced 04/13/2015 Cosponsors (70))

Latest Major Action: 5/13/2015 Received in the Senate.

H.R.1735

Latest Title: National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016

Sponsor: [Rep. Thornberry, Mac \[R-TX-13\]](#) (Introduced 04/13/2015) Cosponsors (1)

Latest Major Action: 10/22/2015 Vetoed by President.

H.R.1987

Latest Title: Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2015

Sponsor: [Rep. Hunter, Duncan D. \[R-CA-50\]](#) (Introduced 04/23/2015) Cosponsors (3)

Latest Major Action: 5/19/2015 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R.2211

Latest Title: ROAD Act of 2015

Sponsor: [Rep. Butterfield, G. K. \[D-NC-1\]](#) (Introduced 05/01/2015) Cosponsors (14)

Latest Major Action: 5/4/2015 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.

H.R.2235

Latest Title: National Mitigation Fisheries Coordination Act

Sponsor: [Rep. Crawford, Eric A. "Rick" \[R-AR-1\]](#) (Introduced 05/05/2015) Cosponsors (3)

Latest Major Action: 6/4/2015 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans.

H.R.2290

Latest Title: Volunteer Organization Protection Act of 2015

Sponsor: [Rep. Chabot, Steve \[R-OH-1\]](#) (Introduced 05/13/2015) Cosponsors (7)

Latest Major Action: 6/1/2015 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.

S.27

Latest Title: Wildlife Trafficking Enforcement Act of 2015

Sponsor: [Sen Feinstein, Dianne](#) [CA] (introduced 1/6/2015) [Cosponsors](#) (1)

Latest Major Action: 1/6/2015 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.



SUMMARY AS OF:

1/6/2015--Introduced.

Wildlife Trafficking Enforcement Act of 2015

This bill applies provisions of the federal criminal code concerning money laundering and racketeering to wildlife trafficking violations of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, the African Elephant Conservation Act, and the Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act of 1994, if the endangered or threatened species of fish or wildlife, products, items, or substances involved in the violation and relevant conduct have a total value of more than \$10,000. Violators would be subject to increased fines and years of imprisonment.

The amounts generated from penalties for those wildlife violations must be used for the benefit and conservation of impacted species.

S.90

Latest Title: Migratory Bird Treaty Amendment Act of 2015

Sponsor: [Sen Vitter, David](#) [LA] (introduced 1/7/2015) Cosponsors (None)

Latest Major Action: 1/7/2015 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SUMMARY AS OF:

1/7/2015--Introduced.

Migratory Bird Treaty Amendment Act of 2013

This bill 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 Department of Agriculture confirms that the crop has been destroyed and that it would not be economically practicable to harvest the crop.

S.112

Latest Title: Common Sense in Species Protection Act of 2015

Sponsor: [Sen Heller, Dean](#) [NV] (introduced 1/7/2015) Cosponsors (None)

Latest Major Action: 5/6/2015 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Environment and Public Works. Hearings held.

SUMMARY AS OF:

1/7/2015--Introduced.

Common Sense in Species Protection Act of 2015



This bill amends the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require Department of the Interior or Department of Commerce to exclude an area from designation as a critical habitat to conserve an endangered or threatened species if the benefits of exclusion outweigh the benefits of including the area, unless the failure to designate the area as critical habitat will result in the extinction of the species.

At the time a proposed rule to designate a critical habitat is published, the appropriate department must make available for public comment a draft analysis that: (1) examines the incremental and cumulative economic effects of all actions to protect the species and its habitat upon each state and locality that is affected by the proposed designation; (2) includes consideration of economic effects on possible uses of land and property values, employment, revenues available for state and local governments, and the provision of water, power, or other public services; and (3) assesses those effects on a quantitative and qualitative basis.

S.146

Latest Title: Public Access to Public Land Guarantee Act

Sponsor: [Sen Flake, Jeff](#) [AZ] (introduced 1/12/2015) [Cosponsors](#) (4)

Latest Major Action: 6/10/2015 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on National Parks. Hearings held.

S.152

Latest Title: Keep the Promise Act of 2015

Sponsor: [Sen. McCain, John](#) [R-AZ] (Introduced 01/13/2015) [Cosponsors](#) (1)

Latest Major Action: 12/18/2015 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 342.

S.225

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

Sponsor: [Sen Thune, John](#) [SD] (introduced 1/21/2015) [Cosponsors](#) (1)

Related Bills: [S.659](#)

Latest Major Action: 1/21/2015 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SUMMARY AS OF:

1/21/2015--Introduced.

Hunting, Fishing, and Recreational Shooting Protection Act

This bill exempts components of firearms and ammunition and sport fishing equipment and its components (such as lead sinkers) from regulations on chemical substances under the Toxic Substances Control Act.



[S.228](#)

Latest Title: National Monument Designation Transparency and Accountability Act of 2015

Sponsor: [Sen Crapo, Mike](#) [ID] (introduced 1/21/2015) [Cosponsors](#) (17)

Related Bills: [H.R.330](#), [H.R.900](#)

Latest Major Action: 1/21/2015 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

[S.263](#)

Latest Title: A bill to protect the right of individuals to bear arms at water resources development projects.

Sponsor: [Sen Crapo, Mike](#) [ID] (introduced 1/27/2015) [Cosponsors](#) (2)

Related Bills: [H.R.578](#), [S.405](#), [S.659](#)

Latest Major Action: 1/27/2015 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

[S.293](#)

Latest Title: A bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to establish a procedure for approval of certain settlements.

Sponsor: [Sen Cornyn, John](#) [TX] (introduced 1/28/2015) [Cosponsors](#) (16)

Related Bills: [H.R.585](#)

Latest Major Action: 5/6/2015 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Environment and Public Works. Hearings held.

[S.361](#)

Latest Title: Disposal of Excess Federal Lands Act of 2015

Sponsor: [Sen. Lee, Mike](#) [R-UT] (Introduced 02/04/2015) [Cosponsors](#) (1)

Latest Major Action: 2/4/2015 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

[S.390](#)

Latest Title: Making Public Land Public Access Act

Sponsor: [Sen Tester, Jon](#) [MT] (introduced 2/5/2015) [Cosponsors](#) (None)

Latest Major Action: 2/5/2015 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

[S.405](#)

Latest Title: Bipartisan Sportsmen's Act of 2015

Sponsor: [Sen Murkowski, Lisa](#) [AK] (introduced 2/5/2015) [Cosponsors](#) (17)

Related Bills: [H.R.1099](#), [H.R.1669](#), [S.263](#), [S.350](#), [S.556](#), [S.561](#), [S.595](#), [S.659](#), [S.721](#)

Latest Major Action: 2/9/2015 Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 15.

[S.437](#)

Latest Title: Improved National Monument Designation Process Act



Sponsor: [Sen Murkowski, Lisa](#) [AK] (introduced 2/10/2015) [Cosponsors](#) (2)

Latest Major Action: 2/10/2015 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

[S.468](#)

Latest Title: Sage-Grouse and Mule Deer Habitat Conservation and Restoration Act of 2015

Sponsor: [Sen Hatch, Orrin G.](#) [UT] (introduced 2/11/2015) [Cosponsors](#) (None)

Latest Major Action: 5/6/2015 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Environment and Public Works. Hearings held.

SUMMARY AS OF:

2/11/2015--Introduced.

Sage-Grouse and Mule Deer Habitat Conservation and Restoration Act of 2015

This bill provides a categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) for a vegetation management project by the Bureau of Land Management or the Forest Service involving removal or treatment of any Pinyon or Juniper tree to conserve or restore the habitat of the greater sage-grouse or mule deer.

Under NEPA a categorical exclusion is a category of actions which do not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment and which have been found to have no such effect in procedures adopted by a federal agency in implementing environmental regulations. Therefore, neither an Environmental Assessment nor an Environmental Impact Statement is required.

[S.508](#)

Latest Title: FLAME Act Amendments of 2015

Sponsor: [Sen McCain, John](#) [AZ] (introduced 2/12/2015) [Cosponsors](#) (2)

Latest Major Action: 2/12/2015 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

[S.551](#)

Latest Title: Denying Firearms and Explosives to Dangerous Terrorists Act of 2015

Sponsor: [Sen Feinstein, Dianne](#) [CA] (introduced 2/24/2015) [Cosponsors](#) (11)

Related Bills: [H.R.368](#), [H.R.1076](#)

Latest Major Action: 2/24/2015 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUMMARY AS OF:

2/24/2015--Introduced.

Denying Firearms and Explosives to Dangerous Terrorists Act of 2015



Amends the federal criminal code to authorize the Attorney General to deny the transfer of a firearm or the issuance of a firearms or explosives license or permit (or revoke such license or permit) if the Attorney General: (1) determines that the transferee is known (or appropriately suspected) to be engaged in terrorism or has provided material support or resources for terrorism, and (2) has a reasonable belief that the transferee may use a firearm in connection with terrorism. Allows any individual whose firearms or explosives license application has been denied to bring legal action to challenge the denial.

Extends the prohibition against the sale or distribution of firearms or explosives to include individuals whom the Attorney General has determined to be engaged in terrorist activities. Imposes criminal penalties on individuals engaged in terrorist activities who smuggle or knowingly bring firearms into the United States.

Authorizes the Attorney General to withhold information in firearms and explosives license denial revocation lawsuits and from employers if the Attorney General determines that the disclosure of such information would likely compromise national security.

S.556

Latest Title: Sportsmen's Act of 2015

Sponsor: [Sen Murkowski, Lisa](#) [AK] (introduced 2/25/2015) Cosponsors (None)

Related Bills: [H.R.384](#), [H.R.1669](#), [S.350](#), [S.405](#)

Latest Major Action: 12/16/2015 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 328.

S.659

Latest Title: Bipartisan Sportsmen's Act of 2015

Sponsor: [Sen Sullivan, Dan](#) [AK] (introduced 3/4/2015) Cosponsors (None)

Related Bills: [H.R.327](#), [H.R.335](#), [H.R.1099](#), [S.225](#), [S.263](#), [S.405](#), [S.561](#), [S.595](#), [S.721](#), [S.722](#)

Latest Major Action: 2/24/2016 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 371.

S.782

Latest Title: Grand Canyon Bison Management Act

Sponsor: [Sen McCain, John](#) [AZ] (introduced 3/18/2015) [Cosponsors](#) (1)

Related Bills: [H.R.1443](#)

Latest Major Action: 12/16/2015 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 329.

SUMMARY AS OF:

3/18/2015--Introduced.

Grand Canyon Bison Management Act



Directs the Department of the Interior to publish a management plan to reduce, through humane lethal culling by skilled public volunteers and other nonlethal means, the population of bison in the Grand Canyon National Park in Arizona that Interior determines are detrimental to the uses of the Park.

Permits the removal by such a volunteer of a full bison harvested from the Park.

Instructs Interior to coordinate with the Arizona Game and Fish Commission regarding the development and implementation of the management plan.

Requires Interior, in developing such plan, to comply with all applicable federal environmental laws, including the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA).

S.834

Latest Title: Sport Fish Restoration and Recreational Boating Safety Act

Sponsor: [Sen Thune, John](#) [SD] (introduced 3/23/2015) [Cosponsors](#) (3)

Latest Major Action: 7/23/2015 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 162.

S.842

Latest Title: Intermountain West Corridor Development Act of 2015

Sponsor: [Sen Heller, Dean](#) [NV] (introduced 3/24/2015) [Cosponsors](#) (3)

Related Bills: [H.R.1612](#)

Latest Major Action: 3/24/2015 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S.1196

Latest Title: Federal Land Access Act

Sponsor: [Sen. Cassidy, Bill](#) [R-LA] (Introduced 05/05/2015) [Cosponsors](#) (2)

Related Bills:

Latest Major Action: 5/14/2015 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Hearings held.

S.1245

Latest Title: Protecting Communities and Police Act of 2015

Sponsor: [Sen. McCaskill, Claire](#) [D-MO] (Introduced 05/07/2015) [Cosponsors](#) (1)

Related Bills:

Latest Major Action: 05/07/2015 Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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