

PUBLIC LANDS ENEMIES

15 FEDERAL LAWMAKERS PLOTTING TO SEIZE,
DESTROY AND PRIVATIZE AMERICA'S PUBLIC LANDS



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

America’s public lands are some of the country’s most iconic and cherished places, from Yellowstone National Park and the Sierra Nevada Mountains’ Range of Light to Big Cypress Preserve in Florida, the vast wilderness of Alaska and the wilds of Maine. More than 600 million acres are held in the federal trust — lands that provide respite and inspiration for people, habitat for wildlife and clean air and clean water around the country.

In recent years, however, our public lands have come under attack in Congress by those who want to seize, dismantle, destroy and privatize these places, often for the benefit of corporations. Without resistance the control of many of these lands will be given to companies to mine, drill, log and bulldoze.

For this report we identify the top 15 members of Congress who have emerged as enemies of public lands. These federal lawmakers were selected because they:

- Authored and/or cosponsored the largest number of “anti-public lands” bills between 2011 and 2016;
- Put the narrow interests of extractive industries ahead of native wildlife, habitat protection, clean water, clean air and opposing rules or laws that limit the ability of extractive interests to dictate and dominate use of public lands.

The 15 Public Lands Enemies in rank order are:

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| 1. Sen. Mike Lee (R-Utah) | 9. Rep. Raúl Labrador (R-Idaho, 1st District) |
| 2. Rep. Rob Bishop (R-Utah, 1st District) | 10. Rep. Jason Chaffetz (R-Utah, 3rd District) |
| 3. Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) | 11. Rep. Mark Amodei (R-Nev., 2nd District) |
| 4. Rep. Paul Gosar (R-Ariz., 4th District) | 12. Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska) |
| 5. Sen. John Barrasso (R-Wyo.) | 13. Rep. Steve Pearce (R-N.M., 2nd District) |
| 6. Rep. Chris Stewart (R-Utah, 2nd District) | 14. Rep. Tom McClintock (R-Calif., 4th District) |
| 7. Rep. Don Young (R-Alaska, At Large) | 15. Sen. Dean Heller (R-Nev.) |
| 8. Sen. Jeff Flake (R-Ariz.) | |

The ultimate goal of these Public Lands Enemies is to wrest control of these lands out of public hands and give it to corporate polluters and extractive industries, robbing future generations of wild places. With the West losing to development one football field’s worth of natural areas every two and a half minutes¹ — an area larger than Los Angeles each year — these shared lands are more important than ever. Other legislators should be intensely wary of embracing the extreme views of these Public Lands Enemies.

¹ <https://www.disappearingwest.org>



San Ardo oil field, California by Loco Steve CC-BY

Based on recent and historic polling, these federal lawmakers are out of touch with the majority of American voters, including those in their own states. Their radical anti-public lands agenda serves to benefit a few corporate and extractive interests over the greater, long-term good of millions of Americans who love public lands and the wildlife that depend on them. In a testament to public support for maintaining public lands, one week after Rep. Jason Chaffetz (R-Utah) reintroduced his bill to sell 3.3 million acres of public lands, Chaffetz withdrew his bill after massive public opposition. While that may have a chilling effect on overt land seizure, these public-lands enemies and their local allies have not been dissuaded from their goal of seizing control of public lands.

PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR PUBLIC LANDS

91 percent of voters across political parties ranked as an important goal for the federal government the protection and maintenance of national parks, public lands and natural places.²

91 percent of voters across political parties ranked as important that these natural places be protected for future generations.³

68 percent of voters in seven states in the Intermountain West think of public lands as American places that belong to the whole country.⁴

At the dawn of the 115th Congress, which will last through 2018, we want to draw attention to these lawmakers and their dangerous agendas. For everyone who cares about our national forests, wildlife refuges, deserts, national parks, national monuments, wild rivers, wilderness and areas of historic, scientific and cultural significance, these elected officials need to be watched closely and opposed at every step.

² Public Opinion on Energy, the Environment, and Climate – December 2016 – Hart Research for the Center for American Progress <https://cdn.americanprogress.org/content/uploads/2017/01/18040010/E-12075-CAP-Energy-Enviro-Climate-Voters-FINAL.pdf>

³ Public Opinion on Energy, the Environment, and Climate – December 2016 – Hart Research for the Center for American Progress <https://cdn.americanprogress.org/content/uploads/2017/01/18040010/E-12075-CAP-Energy-Enviro-Climate-Voters-FINAL.pdf>

⁴ <https://www.coloradocollege.edu/dotAsset/5e3d4978-4cb7-4784-bf36-b086cf332fc9.pdf>

I. INTRODUCTION

Over the past six years (in the 112th, 113th and 114th Congresses), at least 132 bills have been introduced that would give away, dismantle, destroy or privatize America’s public lands, placing extractive interests over wildlife, habitat protection, clean water, air and recreation. Whether through directly giving away or selling land to the states or by turning over authority to manage federal lands to state and private extractive interests, the results would be the same: increased industrialization, extraction, pollution and fragmentation of our shared lands and rivers. While very few of these bills have been enacted into law, such may not be the case in the 115th (2017-2018) Congress.

Our analysis identified four categories of legislation that seek to elevate the interests of extractive industries over those of native wildlife, appropriate recreation, clean air and water and preventing climate change. These “anti-public-lands” bills consist of legislation that would give outright title of public lands to states, allow states and private interests to control management on federal lands, eliminate existing authorities of the president and cabinet members to elevate the protective status of certain public lands and weaken existing bedrock environmental laws. For example, some of these bills give states control over millions of acres of our national forests while mandating logging that harms nature. Others strip the president of the authority to designate national monuments on existing federal land, and others allow states to control drilling and fracking on public lands.

This report identifies the 15 most aggressive anti-public-lands lawmakers. The roster consists of nine members of Congress and six senators from eight western states: Alaska, Arizona, California, Idaho, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming.

These elected officials are persistent and vocal opponents of one of this country’s most magnificent heritages: the collective ownership of our national forests, deserts, grasslands, wildlife refuges, monuments and parks. Public Lands Enemies decry “federal overreach” and balk at any government restraint designed to temper damaging extractive activities to safeguard wildlife, water, public health, functioning ecosystems and appropriate recreation. The aim of these Public Land Enemies is to change management of America’s public lands to a system that benefits a few corporate and extractive interests at the expense of the current system of management, which attempts to benefit millions of Americans who enjoy and sustainably use our public lands.

In addition to having a common ideology, these Public Lands Enemies have ties to the extractive industries that have funded their political campaigns. Many of their largest donors are fossil fuel interests including Koch Industries, Exxon Mobil, Andarko Petroleum and Peabody Energy.

As the 115th Congress begins, the Republicans maintain control of both the House and the Senate, albeit with a slimmer margin in the Senate (52 vs. 48⁵) than in the last Congress. Western lawmakers maintain control of the critical committees that oversee America’s public lands and the federal purse strings that fund their management.

II. AMERICA’S PUBLIC LAND AND FEDERAL OVERSIGHT

America’s public lands consist of 609 million acres stretching from the Sierra Nevada Mountains’ Range of Light, to Big Cypress Preserve in Florida, to the Black Hills of South Dakota, to the Sagebrush Sea and from the wilderness of Alaska to the wilds of Maine. Two federal agencies have primary responsibility for managing America’s public lands: The Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture. The Interior Department oversees national parks, national wildlife refuges and Bureau of Land Management lands, while the Department of Agriculture has authority over the 209-million-acre national forest system.

⁵ Independent Senators Bernie Sanders and Angus King caucus with the Democrats.

The congressional committees with legislative authority over public lands are the House Natural Resources Committee and the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, the House Agriculture Committee and the Senate Agriculture Committee — the latter two generally overseeing national forests in the East.

Public Lands Enemies complain about federal overreach harming industry. The fact is, current rules favor extractive industries. Consider the following:

1. Hardrock miners have nearly unfettered access to federal lands and pay no royalties for the minerals they extract.
2. The oil and gas industry can drill on nine out of 10 acres managed by the Bureau of Land Management, which oversees more than 250 million acres across the West, while paying extremely low royalties.⁶
3. Oil and gas drillers with federal permits are exempt from the Safe Drinking Water Act, also known as the Halliburton loophole, in the Energy Policy Act of 2005.
4. Livestock operators have the privilege of 10-year-long federal grazing permits while paying \$1.87 (2017) for the cost to feed and house one cow and a calf for one month, significantly below competitive market rates and less than it costs to feed a housecat. Because of this the U.S. Treasury loses \$120 million a year by allowing private livestock to graze on public lands, not including additional subsidies that come in the form of federal programs that kill native predators such as wolves at the behest of the livestock industry.
5. Most livestock permit renewals are not subject to review under the National Environmental Policy Act, which analyses alternatives to reduce or eliminate harms to wildlife, habitat, water, soils and other environmental degradation.

III. THREATS TO PUBLIC LANDS IN THE 115TH CONGRESS

With Republican majorities in both houses of Congress, we anticipate that the Public Lands Enemies will try to pass many of the bills analyzed in this report as well as introduce new anti-public-lands legislation. What makes this Congress much more dangerous than the prior three is that, with President Donald Trump in the White House, the threat of a veto is no longer reliable.

While Trump has said he does not want to give *title* of public lands to states or extractive interests, he has stated that he wants to *increase* fossil fuel extraction on federal lands including by removing the moratorium on issuing most new leases of federal coal as well as by increasing oil shale and tar sands mining in the Colorado River Basin. As a first step toward fulfilling these promises, Trump has nominated a cabinet of climate-change deniers and fossil-fuel champions that will work for the benefit of this and other extractive interests.

Trump's promise to keep public lands public does not extend to the House and Senate Public Lands Enemies or to the Republican Party. The 2016 GOP platform reads: "It is absurd to think that all that acreage must remain under the absentee ownership or management of official Washington. Congress shall immediately pass universal legislation providing for a timely and orderly mechanism requiring the federal government to convey certain federally controlled public lands to states. We call upon all national and state leaders and representatives to exert their utmost power and influence to urge the transfer of those lands, identified in the review process, to all willing states for the benefit of the states and the nation as a whole."

The assault has begun. On the very first day of the new Congress, House Natural Resources Committee Chair, Rep. Rob Bishop (R-Utah), engineered the passage of a provision in the House rules package that removes budgetary obstacles to giving, selling or trading away America's public lands.

⁶ http://wilderness.org/sites/default/files/TWS%20DataMapInsert_0.pdf

Rep. Bishop and Sen. Jason Chaffetz (R-Utah) will likely reintroduce their failed Utah Public Lands Initiative, which would give the state of Utah control over oil and gas leasing and hand over 30,000 acres of public lands to the state for development. Sen. Jim Risch (R-Idaho) and Rob Bishop have introduced identical bills to overturn the collaboratively developed land management plans to protect the iconic greater sage grouse and their habitat across the West and replace the plans with wholly inadequate state plans.

Other looming threats include the many bills that would not give away federal title to public lands but rather simply allow states to control the management of public lands to the benefit of extractive activities including logging, grazing, mining, oil and gas drilling and fracking. In early February 2017, Sen. Jim Inhofe (R-Okla.) reintroduced S. 334, the Federal Land Freedom Act, that would allow states and oil and gas companies to call the shots on public lands while leaving American taxpayers and the environment to foot the bills.

IV. CRITERIA FOR IDENTIFYING AND RANKING CONGRESSIONAL PUBLIC LANDS ENEMIES

We evaluated federal lawmakers based on their sponsorship of 132 bills introduced in three Congresses (112th, 113th and 114th; 2011-2016). The bills we identified are classified as follows:

- **Land Seizure:** Legislation that would authorize handing over or selling America's public lands to states and/or private interests for industrialization and development.
- **Private/County/State Control of Public Lands:** These bills would give management and operational authority, but not title, to interests that want to maximize revenue through extraction and elimination of environmental and wildlife protections. These include bills that grant states the ability to take over control of livestock grazing permits and fossil fuel leasing on federal lands and a bill that grants to local counties law enforcement authority over BLM and Forest Service lands.
- **Weakening Federal Protections:** These bills would eliminate or weaken federal environmental laws and rules. This category includes bills that would reverse the landmark Roadless Area Conservation Rule, that protects undeveloped national forestlands and eliminate designations for millions of acres of public lands that are currently managed to protect their wilderness character. These bills also often undermine or eliminate the public's ability to comment on public lands management and to be informed of environmental harms through the National Environmental Policy Act.
- **No More Parks, Monuments or Refuges:** For more than a century, Congress has delegated power to the president to proclaim national monuments under the Antiquities Act of 1906, signed into law by President Theodore Roosevelt. The Antiquities Act gave the president authority to act swiftly to protect irreplaceable national treasures. Congress has upgraded many national monuments to national park status. The Antiquities Act is responsible for the original protection of nearly half of our beloved national parks. This category contains many bills that would strip the president of this authority. Other bills in this category would take away the authority of the secretary of the Interior and the secretary of Commerce to designate new national wildlife refuges or new national marine sanctuaries respectively.

V. SCORING SYSTEM

Public Lands Enemies received two points for each of the anti-public-lands bills that they sponsored (original author) and one point for each anti-public-lands bill they cosponsored. Each Public Lands Enemy's total number of points was then divided by the total number of anti-public-lands bills that they could have supported during

the years they served in the House and/or Senate, yielding a percentage score. The scores were then ranked in order from highest to lowest.

VI. PUBLIC LANDS ENEMIES WATCH LIST

While the senators and members of Congress on the list of Public Lands Enemies are the main drivers of the anti-public-lands movement at the federal level, there are other federal elected officials who supported bills that would give away or sell or otherwise privatize America's public lands. The following 18 members of Congress and senators did not earn a spot on our list of the 15 worst offenders, but have sponsored or cosponsored anti-public-lands legislation:

- Sen. Michael Crapo (R-Idaho)
- Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas)
- Sen. Steve Daines (R-Mont.)
- Sen. Michael Enzi (R-Wyo.)
- Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.)
- Sen. Jim Risch (R-Idaho)
- Rep. Diane Black (R-Tenn.)
- Rep. Paul Cook (R-Calif.)
- Rep. Jeff Duncan (R-S.C.)
- Rep. Trent Franks (R-Ariz.)
- Rep. Walter Jones (R-N.C.)
- Rep. Doug LaMalfa (R-Calif.)
- Rep. Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.)
- Rep. Cathy McMorris Rogers (R-Wash.)
- Rep. Ted Poe (R-Texas)
- Rep. Scott Tipton (R-Colo.)
- Rep. Greg Walden (R-Ore.)
- Rep. Bruce Westerman (R-Ark.)

CONCLUSION

One might conclude, from the vocal agitation by these federal elected officials, that they are echoing the sentiment of the majority of the public. But the fact is that these politicians are espousing an extreme view, widely opposed by the majority of Americans, who are the collective owners of America's public lands.

Yet these officials seek to force their narrow views on the public where short-term profits are prioritized over the greater and long-term interest of conservation and future generations of America's public lands.

If they are successful at enacting into law even *some* of the bills analyzed in this report, they will forever change our greatest natural heritage, one envied around the world: America's public lands.

PUBLIC LANDS ENEMY #1



Sen. Mike Lee (R-Utah)

U.S. Senate (2011-Present)

Sponsored Bills: 10; **Cosponsored Bills:** 11;

Total Possible Bills: 48

Member, Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
Chairman, Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining

Member, Subcommittee on Water and Power

Member, Subcommittee on National Parks

Mike Lee, junior senator from Utah, ranks as Public Lands Enemy #1. Lee sponsored or cosponsored 21 of the 48 bills evaluated for this report. Between 2011 and 2016, the senator introduced five bills ([S.A. 3447](#), [S.A. 3023](#), [S.A. 3126](#), [S. 3317](#), [S. 2004](#)) and cosponsored another three ([S. 407](#), [S. 228](#), [S. 1182](#)) aimed at taking away the president's authority to designate new national monuments. Two of these (S. 3317 and S. 1182) eliminate that power specifically within Utah.

Showing his dislike for federal oversight of public lands and his penchant for state control and extractive uses, Lee also sponsored [S. 2473](#), which prohibits the designation of national forests, national parks, national wildlife refuges, national wild and scenic rivers, national trails and wildernesses unless there is state legislative approval. His 2011 and 2015 bills, [S. 635](#) and [S. 361](#), required that the secretary of the interior put up certain public lands for sale.

In 2016 the lawmaker introduced an amendment ([S.A. 3022](#)) that would have stricken language permanently reauthorizing the Land and Water Conservation Fund, a bedrock federal conservation program that provides environmental mitigation by using offshore drilling revenues for the acquisition of land for conservation purposes. Lee offered an amendment ([S.A. 71](#)) to a bill to push through the Keystone XL pipeline that would have made it easier for oil and gas companies to obtain permits to drill on public land. Over his political career, the oil and gas industry has been Lee's #5 supporter, donating [\\$293,420](#) to his political campaigns.

Many of Lee's anti-government beliefs are tied to the [extreme interpretation of the U.S. Constitution](#) espoused by W. Cleon Skousen. This radical, religiously steeped doctrine posits that many functions of the federal government are unconstitutional⁷ — including enforcing environmental regulations, owning large amounts public lands, and establishing wildernesses, national forests, and national parks. Paul Skousen, Cleon Skousen's son, illustrated how deeply Senator Lee is tied to these beliefs, saying, "Mike Lee is a good friend of the family, and we support him 100 percent...He's read Dad's books; he had Dad in his home when he was growing up for visits and dinners, and he met Dad on a number of occasions before Dad passed away."⁸

In addition to federal land ownership, Lee thinks that states should take over federal authority for [child labor laws](#), [disaster relief](#), [Senate appointments](#), domestic [violence](#), [healthcare](#), and [food safety](#).

⁷ J. A. (2011). THE TEA PARTY'S CONSTITUTION. *Denver University Law Review*, 88(3), 559-576.

⁸ <http://www.nytimes.com/2010/11/28/magazine/28FOB-idealab-t.html>

Anti-Public Lands Bills Sponsored or Cosponsored by Lee:

Bill Type	Sponsored	Cosponsored
Land Seizure Sale of Western Land (S. 635) Sale of Western Land (S. 361)	X X	
Private/County/State Control of Public Lands State Oil and Gas Control (S. 490)		X
Weakening Federal Protections Easier Applications for Permits to Drill (S.A. 71) No Permanent Re-authorization of LWCF (S.A. 3022) Weakens Grazing Management (S. 258) Weakens Grazing Management (S. 1129) Remove Wilderness Management (S. 1087) Escalante Monument Grazing Levels (S. 365) No More Uranium Withdrawal (S. 1690) Oil and Gas Leasing Increase (S. 1027)	X X	X X X X X X
No More Parks, Monuments, Refuges No New Monuments Rider (S.A. 3447) No New Monuments Rider (S.A. 3023) No New Monuments Rider (S.A. 3126) No New Monuments in Utah (S. 3317) No New Monuments (S. 2004) State Approval of Land Designations (S. 2473) No New Monuments (S. 407) No New Monuments (S. 228) No New Monuments in Utah (S. 1182) No Water for Monuments (S. 1416)	X X X X X X	X X X X

Campaign Contributors ([2016 Election](#) [2015-2016], as of December 2016, source: Center for Responsive Politics):

- Oil & Gas Industry:
 - \$227,520
- Energy & Natural Resources Sector⁹:
 - \$381,700
- Major Funders (In Lee’s Top 100 Contributors, 2016 Election):
 - **Oil & Gas:** Chevron Corp. (\$23,800), Halliburton Co. (\$13,100), Valero Energy (\$12,500), Exxon Mobil (\$10,500)
 - **Coal:** Murray Energy (\$19,895)
 - **Conglomerates:** Koch Industries (\$40,800)

League of Conservation Voters National Environmental Scorecard:

[Lifetime](#): 10 percent

⁹ The Energy & Natural Resources Sector includes: Oil & Gas, Natural Gas Pipelines, Mining, Coal Mining, Alternative Energy Production & Services, Electric Utilities, and Waste Management.

PUBLIC LANDS ENEMY #2



Rep. Rob Bishop (R-Utah)

U.S. House of Representatives (2003-Present),
Utah's 1st District

Sponsored Bills: 12; **Cosponsored Bills:** 18;
Total Possible Bills: 84

Chairman, Committee on Natural Resources
Founder, Member, Federal Land Action Group

Rob Bishop has represented Utah's 1st District since 2003. Between 2011 and 2016, Bishop authored 12 and cosponsored 18 of the 84 anti-public lands bills, earning him the spot as Public Lands Enemy #2. Bishop is one of the most aggressive Members of Congress when it comes to divesting and destroying America's public lands. As chair of the House Natural Resource Committee, Bishop controls which bills get hearings and which bills advance for a vote by the House of Representatives.

On the very first day of this year's new Congress, Bishop inserted a provision in the [House Rules package](#) that makes it easier to give away public lands by declaring their value as "budget neutral." This means that public lands are considered to have no monetary value when it comes to giving, selling or trading them to states and that Congress does not need to offset any lost revenue when giving away our public lands.

Together with Rep. Chris Stewart (R-Utah), in 2015 Rob Bishop created the Federal Lands Action Group whose goal is to create the legislative framework to take America's public lands and turn them over to states and private interests. In a 2015 interview with the *Washington Examiner* he said, "I am pushing a massive land transfer in eastern Utah."¹⁰

For over three years, Bishop focused on an enormous public lands giveaway in Utah in the form of [H.R. 5780](#), the now failed Utah Public Lands Initiative (PLI). With his goal of producing a "grand bargain" to end disagreements over public lands issues in southern and eastern Utah, the bill instead promotes fossil fuel development and provides loophole ridden "conservation" designations. The PLI would hand over control for permitting and regulating all forms of energy development to the state of Utah on millions of acres of federal lands. The bill even requires that federal land managers submit a report to Congress if they fail to follow the demands of local politicians. The PLI would unleash a carbon bomb by giving large blocks of federal land to Utah for tar sands, oil shale, coal, oil and gas extraction. The bill also fails to protect well over half a million acres of culturally important areas in the Bears Ears region, fails to protect even half of the region's deserving wilderness, and locks in grazing permits and prohibits any national monuments to be enacted within the PLI area. About a month before the release of the bill the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition [pulled out](#) of Bishop's initiative after having "been consistently stonewalled" during its creation.

Bishop routinely tries to strip away the presidential authority to designate national monuments under the Antiquities Act ([H.R. 2147](#), [H.R. 1459](#) and [H.R. 5781](#)) and has ridiculed the concept that ancient American

¹⁰ <http://www.washingtonexaminer.com/new-natural-resources-chief-looks-to-overhaul-federal-land-policy/article/2561754>

Indian rock art is worth protecting, saying, in reference to American Indian pictographs: “Ah, bullcrap. That’s not an antiquity.”¹¹ In 2015, when President Obama named three new national monuments, Bishop went ballistic, saying it “makes states and citizens fearful that the federal government can invade at any time to seize more lands like bandits in the night.”¹² His response begs the question: Does Bishop not realize that the lands designated are already publicly owned?

Bishop receives a bigger portion of his campaign money (roughly 93 percent) from [outside his home state](#) than any other member of Congress, with the oil and gas industry providing his most generous support. Over his career the oil and gas industry has donated [\\$390,216](#) to his political campaigns.

Rob Bishop has said of the Antiquities Act, “If anyone here likes the Antiquities Act the way it is written, die. I mean, stupidity out of the gene pool. It is the most evil act ever invented.”¹³ As well as “The Antiquities Act was supposed to be about an antiquity. A fish off the coast of Hawaii is not an antiquity. Trees in Maine are not an antiquity.”¹⁴ Bishop either has not read the Antiquities Act or chooses to misrepresent it. The Act protects “objects of historic or scientific interest.”

Anti-Public Lands Bills Sponsored or Cosponsored by Bishop:

Bill Type	Sponsored	Cosponsored
Land Seizure State Choice of 5 Percent of Public Lands (H.R. 2852) Vieques Wildlife Refuge Giveaway [H.R. ____ (2016)] BLM Land Disposal Database (H.R. 2095) Sale of Western Land (H.R. 1126) Oak Flat Land Trade (H.R. 1904)	 X X X	 X X
Private/County/State Control of Public Lands Public Lands Initiative (H.R. 5780) Utah County Road Claims Giveaway (H.R. 4579) End BLM/USFS Law Enforcement (H.R. 4751) Local Control of Public Land Access (H.R. 4272) Community Forest Demo Areas (H.R. 6009) State Beetle Kill Timber Projects (H.R. 818) State Beetle Kill Timber Projects (H.R. 6089)	 X	 X X X X X X

¹¹ <http://www.washingtonexaminer.com/bishop-slammed-for-calling-obama-monument-decision-bull-crap/article/2568050>

¹² <http://naturalresources.house.gov/newsroom/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=399008>

¹³ <https://soundcloud.com/wstrnpriorities/rep-rob-bishop-on-the-antiquities-act-if-you-like-it-die>

¹⁴ <http://www.washingtonexaminer.com/rep.-bishop-time-to-reassert-the-power-of-congress/article/2601923>

<p>Weakening Federal Protections</p> <p>Border Patrol Free Reign (H.R. 2398)</p> <p>LWCF Attack [H.R. (2015)]</p> <p>Sage Grouse Defense Bill Rider [Sec. ____ (H.R. 1735)]</p> <p>Sage Grouse Defense Bill Rider [Sec. 2864 (H.R. 4909)]</p> <p>Sage Grouse is Not Endangered (H.R. 4739)</p> <p>Remove Wilderness Management (H.R. 1581)</p> <p>Logging Priority on Forest (H.R. 1526)</p> <p>Weakens Grazing Management (H.R. 4234)</p> <p>No More Uranium Withdrawal (H.R. 3155)</p>	<p>X</p> <p>X</p> <p>X</p> <p>X</p> <p>X</p>	<p>X</p> <p>X</p> <p>X</p> <p>X</p>
<p>No More Parks, Monuments, Refuges</p> <p>No New Monuments in Utah (H.R. 2147)</p> <p>Barriers to New Monuments (H.R. 1459)</p> <p>PLI Antiquities Attack Companion (H.R. 5781)</p> <p>No New Monuments (H.R. 302)</p> <p>No New Monuments [H.R. 758 (2011)]</p> <p>Limiting New Marine Monuments (H.R. 4988)</p> <p>State Monument Approval (H.R. 382)</p> <p>No New Monuments (H.R. 817)</p> <p>No New Monuments in Utah [H.R. 758 (2013)]</p>	<p>X</p> <p>X</p> <p>X</p>	<p>X</p> <p>X</p> <p>X</p> <p>X</p> <p>X</p> <p>X</p>

Campaign Contributors ([2016 Election](#) [2015-2016], as of December 2016, source: Center for Responsive Politics):

- Oil & Gas Industry:
 - \$138,016
- Energy & Natural Resources Sector:
 - \$235,500
- Major Funders (in Bishop's Top 100 Contributors, 2016 Election):
 - **Oil & Gas:** BP (\$10,000), Exxon Mobil (\$10,000), Chevron Corporation (\$10,000), Sinclair Companies (\$8,100), Conoco Phillips (\$7,500), Tesoro Corporation (\$7,500), Chesapeake Energy (\$5,000), Halliburton Corporation (\$5,000), Marathon Petroleum (\$5,000), QEP Resources (\$5,000), Occidental Petroleum (\$3,000)
 - **Coal:** Alpha Natural Resources (\$6,500), Arch Coal (\$3,500)
 - **Grazing:** National Cattleman's Beef Association (\$10,000)
 - **Mining:** National Mining Association (\$7,000), Barrick Gold Corporation (\$3,000)

League of Conservation Voters National Environmental Scorecard:

[Lifetime](#): 3 percent

PUBLIC LANDS ENEMY #3



Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah)

Sponsored Bills: 4; Cosponsored Bills: 15;

Total Possible Bills: 48

U.S. Senate, (1977-Present)

Senate President Pro Tempore

Between 2011 and 2016, Senator Orrin Hatch sponsored or cosponsored 19 of the 48 anti-public lands bills we identified, making him Public Lands Enemy #3. As the longest serving member of the Senate's majority party, Hatch is [president pro tempore](#) of the Senate, presiding over the chamber in the absence of the vice president. During the portion of his political career for which campaign contributions have been recorded (since 1989), the oil and gas industry — including Chevron and the Koch brothers — has donated [\\$706,179](#) to Hatch's elections.

Hatch is a longtime opponent of federal rules, federal ownership of land and an ardent proponent of expanding fossil fuel production, especially on America's public lands. Unsurprisingly, Hatch strongly opposes efforts to protect these lands from harmful activities and would like to see them handed over to the states.

In Senator Hatch's world, 13 western states would be able to seize over 28 million acres¹⁵ of America's public lands and sell them to the highest bidder. His bill [S. 1524](#) would do just that, allowing states to choose which five percent of lands — even including American Indian tribal land — they would like to take control over. Any oil, gas and other minerals not currently leased on those lands would also become the property of the states.

Other bills introduced by Hatch include [S. 1182](#), which prohibits the president from establishing new national monuments in Utah, and a 2015 bill, [S. 937](#), that gives states the power to take over the management of and weaken protections on a portion of the 250 million acres of public lands where federal livestock grazing is allowed.

During a public event organized by Hatch in opposition to an American Indian proposal to designate the Bear's Ears National Monument, just a few months after the armed takeover of the Malheur Wildlife Refuge, Hatch fanned anti-federal government flames and violence by saying "I would hope that my fellow Utahans would not use violence, but there are some deeply held positions that cannot just be ignored."¹⁶ The senator went on to warn Interior Secretary Sally Jewell that if the designation occurred, there could be an armed confrontation.

Hatch gives credit to [W. Cleon Skousen](#) for providing guidance throughout his political career. Skousen was the father of a radical, religiously steeped doctrine that posits that many functions the federal government currently serves are unconstitutional¹⁷ — including enforcing environmental regulations, owning large amounts

¹⁵ Based on acreages from 2013. Available at: <https://fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/R42346.pdf>

¹⁶ https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/a-major-native-american-site-is-being-looted-will-obama-risk-armed-conflict-to-save-it/2016/06/05/bf2dfcfc-1dff-11e6-8c7b-6931e66333e7_story.html?utm_term=.1901f8c77c1b

¹⁷ J. A. (2011). THE TEA PARTY'S CONSTITUTION. *Denver University Law Review*, 88(3), 559-576.

public lands, and establishing wildernesses, national forests, and national parks. In a tribute to Skousen on his passing Senator Hatch said, "...every day I have served in the U.S. Senate—Cleon has been there for me, through highs and lows—buoying me up, giving suggestions, discussing principles and issues, and above all else being a true, supportive friend. I can never overstate what his support has meant to me throughout my years of service."¹⁸

Anti-Public Lands Bills Sponsored or Cosponsored by Hatch:

Bill Type	Sponsored	Cosponsored
Land Seizure State Choice of 5 Percent of Public Lands (S. 1524)	X	
Private/County/State Control of Public Lands State Management of Grazing (S. 937)	X	
Weakening Federal Protections Escalante Monument Grazing Levels (S. 365) Remove Wilderness Management (S. 1087) Weakens Grazing Management (S. 258) Weakens Grazing Management (S. 1129) No More Uranium Withdrawal (S. 1690) Oil and Gas Leasing Increase (S. 1027)	X	X X X X X
No More Parks, Monuments, Refuges No New Monuments in Utah (S. 1182) No New Monuments in Utah (S. 3317) State Approval of Land Designations (S. 2473) No New Monuments Rider (S.A. 3447) No New Monuments Rider (S.A. 3023) No Water for Monuments (S. 1416) No New Monuments (S. 407) No New Monuments (S. 2004) No New Monuments (S. 228) No New Monuments (S. 104) Alaska Oil and Gas Over Public Land (S. 3203)	X	X X X X X X X X X X X

Campaign Contributors ([2011-2016](#), as of Dec. 2016, source: Center for Responsive Politics):

- Oil & Gas Industry:
 - \$495,250
- Energy & Natural Resources Sector:
 - \$912,400
- Major Funders (in Hatch’s Top 100 Contributors, 2011-2016):
 - **Oil & Gas:** Chevron Corp. (\$39,500), ConocoPhillips (\$38,000)

¹⁸ <https://www.congress.gov/crec/2006/01/25/modified/CREC-2006-01-25-pt1-PgS114-2.htm>

- **Energy:** Xcel Energy (\$35,750), National Rural Electric Cooperative Assoc. (\$25,000)
- **Conglomerates:** Koch Industries (\$63,500), General Electric (\$26,500), Honeywell International (\$31,000)

League of Conservation Voters National Environmental Scorecard:

[Lifetime](#): 10 percent

PUBLIC LANDS ENEMY #4



Rep. Paul Gosar (R-Ariz.)

Sponsored Bills: 7; Cosponsored Bills: 25;

Total Possible Bills: 84

U.S. House of Representatives (2011-Present),

Arizona's 4th District

Member, Committee on Natural Resources

Chairman, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources

Member, Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans

Member, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

Member, Subcommittee on the Interior

Chairman, U.S. Congressional Western Caucus ([Elected in Nov. 2016](#))

Paul Gosar represents much of western Arizona. Between 2011 and 2016, the congressman introduced or cosponsored 32 of the 84 anti-public lands bills aimed at giving away the federal government's title to or authority over managing America's lands. This earned him the title Public Lands Enemy #4.

Gosar is out of touch with the majority of Arizona voters, over 88 percent of whom agree that public lands are essential to their state's economy.¹⁹ Wildlife viewing is big business in Arizona with wildlife-related recreation contributing \$2.4 billion in annual spending.²⁰ Despite these facts, Gosar routinely rails against "federal overreach" and is one of the leading voices in Congress to fight federal ownership of and protection for public lands. He champions uranium, mining and livestock industries regardless of the harm his policies would cause to public lands, waters and Arizona's indigenous people.

During his political career, the energy and natural resources sector has contributed the fourth highest — [\\$247,950](#) — to Gosar's election campaigns.

Among Gosar's many anti-public lands bills, [H.R. 1904](#) and [H.R. 687](#) stand out. Both would have traded public lands sacred to western Apache tribes to an international mining behemoth Rio Tinto for its proposed Resolution Copper Mine, despite the fact that the area was withdrawn from mining 60 years ago by executive order of President Dwight D. Eisenhower. The material removed from this mine would cover thousands of acres of public land with toxic mine waste, and when the mine is closed it would leave behind a crater up to two miles wide and 1,000 feet deep. After Gosar's bills and others like it failed to pass into law, Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) pushed the land swap through by forcing the inclusion of a midnight rider on a must-pass defense funding bill in late December 2014.

Another of Gosar's bills, [H.R. 5836](#), requires the secretaries of interior and agriculture to sell land to the states under the guise of recreational uses such as hunting, fishing, off-roading and shooting, activities that are currently allowed on public lands. Once those lands are state owned, they could be sold to the highest bidder to be drilled, mined, logged, roaded and developed.

The congressman has made his dislike of national monuments clear by introducing [H.R. 2877](#) and [H.R. 1495](#), which would revoke the president's authority to designate national monuments in Arizona. In response to legislation proposing the Greater Grand Canyon Heritage National Monument, Gosar said, "[the] double-

¹⁹ Source: Weigel, L. and Metz, D. Conservation in the West Poll. Sponsored by the Colorado College State of the Rockies Project. 2013.

²⁰ Source: <http://www.ourpubliclands.org/public-lands-report-az>

dealing bill isn't even worth the paper it was printed on."²¹ Gosar also [showed support for the Bundy's](#) during the now infamous Nevada standoff between the militia and the Bureau of Land Management when the agency tried to round up Cliven Bundy's trespassing livestock after 24 years of illegal grazing on public lands in Nevada. Gosar even [traveled to Bunkerville](#) during the conflict.

In these ways Gosar claims, in a recent flyer, to be "Making the West Great Again."²²

Anti-Public Lands Bills Sponsored or Cosponsored by Gosar:

Bill Type	Sponsored	Cosponsored
Land Seizure Public Lands Sale for "Recreation" (H.R. 5836) Oak Flat Land Trade (H.R. 1904) Oak Flat Land Trade (H.R. 687) State Choice of 5 Percent of Public Lands (H.R. 2852) No Increase in Public Land (H.R. 4423)	 X X X 	 X X
Private/County/State Control of Public Lands BLM Road Authority Seizure (H.R. 5598) Weakens RS 2477 Rules (H.R. 4313) End BLM/USFS Law Enforcement (H.R. 4751) Community Forest Demo Areas (H.R. 2316) Local Control of Public Land Access (H.R. 1555) Local Control of Public Land Access (H.R. 4272) Community Forest Demo Areas (H.R. 1294) Community Forest Demo Areas (H.R. 6009) State Beetle Kill Logging Projects (H.R. 695) State Beetle Kill Timber Projects (H.R. 818) State Beetle Kill Timber Projects (H.R. 6089) State Control, Fisheries and Hunters (H.R. 2406) State Oil and Gas Control (H.R. 866)	 X 	 X X X X X X X X X X X X
Weakening Federal Protections Weakens Grazing Management (H.R. 4234) No More Uranium Withdrawal (H.R. 3155) Border Patrol Free Reign (H.R. 2398) Weakens Grazing Management (H.R. 657) Logging Priority on Forests (H.R. 1526) Timber Over Forest Conservation (H.R. 2647) Sage Grouse is Not Endangered (H.R. 4739)	 	 X X X X X X X

²¹ <http://www.phoenixnewtimes.com/news/congressman-paul-gosar-lashes-out-at-grand-canyon-monument-bill-supporters-7798829>

²² <http://gosar.house.gov/sites/gosar.house.gov/files/Western%20Caucus%20Presentation.pdf>

Campaign Contributors ([2016 Election](#) [2015-2016], as of December 2016, source: Center for Responsive Politics):

- Oil & Gas Industry:
 - \$5,750
- Energy & Natural Resources Sector:
 - \$86,600
- Major Funders (in Gosar's Top 100 Contributors, 2016 Election):
 - **Coal:** Arch Coal (\$3,000)
 - **Grazing:** Arizona Cattle Feeder's Association (\$1,500)
 - **Mining:** Freeport McMoRan (\$13,500)
 - **Conglomerates:** Koch Industries (\$2,500)

League of Conservation Voters National Environmental Scorecard:

[Lifetime](#): 7 percent

PUBLIC LANDS ENEMY #5



Sen. John Barrasso (R-Wyo.)

Sponsored Bills: 8; Cosponsored Bills: 4;

Total Possible Bills: 48

U.S. Senate (2007-Present)

Member, Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Member, Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining

Member, Subcommittee on National Parks

Member, Subcommittee on Water and Power

Chairman, Committee on Environment and Public Works

John Barrasso, Wyoming's senator since 2007, ranks as Public Lands Enemy #5. Between 2011 and 2016, Barrasso introduced 8 and cosponsored 4 out of 48 of the anti-public lands bills we identified. Senator Barrasso is generously funded by campaign donations from fossil fuel corporations and is well situated to look out for their interests with his posts on two key congressional committees — Energy and Natural Resources (ENR) and Environment and Public Works (EPW). As member and former chair of the Senate's ENR subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining, Barrasso has outsize influence on legislation that effects actions on public lands including, but not limited to mining, oil, gas and coal extraction, grazing, logging and establishing wildlife refuges and wilderness areas. As chair of EPW, he also oversees the Endangered Species Act.

Over the years, Barrasso has moved from a moderate, pragmatic conservative to a hard right ideologue and has been called "[one of the most partisan people in the Senate](#)." During Barrasso's career, the oil and gas industry has been his second biggest supporter, having contributed [more than \\$600,000](#) to his political campaigns. His [major contributors between 2011 and 2016](#) include a "who's who" of the oil, gas and coal industries largest corporations including Koch Industries, Exxon, Chevron, Andarko Petroleum and Peabody Energy.

Fossil fuels interests seeking to profit from oil and gas development on public lands, have benefited from a shift in views on climate change by Senator Barrasso. He has moved from recognizing the inevitability of legislation passing and that "[greenhouse] gases [are] contributing to the warming of the planet. The best science tells us it is a factor"²³ to publically questioning the science and introducing a bill to prevent the regulation of greenhouse gases.

[Barrasso has not let his fiscal conservatism dampen his enthusiasm for coal subsidies](#), which usually come in the form of tax breaks, such as tax-exempt bonding and loan guarantees for coal facilities, which cost taxpayers billions.

Between 2011 and 2016, the senator introduced three bills, [S. 1087](#), [S. 193](#), and [S. 1967](#), that would strip protections from millions of acres of forest roadless areas protected under the landmark Roadless Area Conservation Rule or areas that are otherwise identified and managed for their wilderness values. [S. 1966](#), another of Barrasso's bills, would legislatively mandate logging levels on national forests, prevent citizens from challenging illegal logging in the courts, shield timber corporations from federal laws that require less damaging alternatives to be considered, and give counties revenue from logging national forests thereby creating a perverse incentive to increase cutting. Barrasso also sponsored [S. 258](#) and [S. 1129](#), which would favor livestock operators on federal lands by doubling the length of federal grazing leases to 20 years while eliminating normally required disclosure of impacts to land, wildlife, water and soil from grazing.

²³ <http://www.wyofile.com/barrasso-profile/>

In 2015 Barrasso introduced legislation ([S. 2318](#)) that would have significantly decreased funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) — one of America’s most important conservation programs. The LWCF use revenues primarily from the depletion of one natural resource —offshore oil and gas — to support the conservation of other precious resources, our land and water. Barrasso’s bill not only would decrease federal acquisition of important natural areas, but would also mandate that most LWCF funds be given to states, which can spend money on planning and development at the expense of acquisition of natural areas.

In 2016 Senator Barrasso led the creation of the GOP Party Platform, which states: “Congress shall immediately pass universal legislation providing for a timely and orderly mechanism requiring the federal government to convey certain federally controlled public land to states.”

Anti-Public Lands Bills Sponsored or Cosponsored by Barrasso:

Bill Type	Sponsored	Cosponsored
Private/County/State Control of Public Lands LWCF Emphasis on States (S. 2318)	X	
Weakening Federal Protections Oil and Gas Leasing Increase (S. 1027) Remove Wilderness Management (S. 1087) No Roadless Rule in Wyoming (S. 193) Remove Wilderness Management (S. 1967) Weakens Grazing Management (S. 258) Weakens Grazing Management (S. 1129) Logging Priority on Forests (S. 1966) No More Uranium Withdrawal (S. 1690)	X X X X X X X	X
No More Parks, Monuments, Refuges State Approval of Land Designations (S. 2473) No New Monuments (S. 407) No New Monuments (S. 2004)		X X X

Campaign Contributors (2011-2016, as of December 2016, source: Center for Responsive Politics):

- Oil & Gas Industry:
 - \$577,966
- Energy & Natural Resources Sector:
 - \$1,316,400
- Major Funders (in Barrasso’s Top 100 Contributors, 2011-2016):
 - **Oil & Gas:** Anadarko Petroleum (\$31,000), Chevron Corp. (\$26,250), Marathon Oil (\$25,000), Sinclair Companies (\$22,500), Mewbourne Oil Company (\$22,466), Occidental Petroleum (\$18,300), Exxon Mobil (\$17,750), Valero Energy (\$18,500), BP (\$18,000)
 - **Coal:** Alpha Natural Resources (\$52,950), Murray Energy Corp. (\$41,781), Peabody Energy (\$18,000)
 - **Energy:** Southern Co. (\$41,000), PPL Corp. (\$33,000), FirstEnergy Corp. (\$27,000), Williams Companies (\$24,000), Exelon Corp. (\$22,500)
 - **Conglomerates:** Koch Industries (\$44,900), General Electric (\$21,500)

League of Conservation Voters National Environmental Scorecard:

[Lifetime](#): 9 percent

PUBLIC LANDS ENEMY #6



Rep. Chris Stewart (R-Utah)

Sponsored Bills: 5; Cosponsored Bills: 16;

Total Possible Bills: 68

U.S. House of Representatives (2013-Present), Utah's 2nd District Member, Appropriations Committee

Member, Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Subcommittee

Founder, Chairman, Federal Land Action Group

Chris Stewart is a two-term congressman representing much of southern and western Utah, an area that contains some of America's, and the world's, most spectacular public lands. During his time in office, Stewart sponsored or cosponsored 21 of the 68 anti-public lands bills, making him Public Lands Enemy #6. Stewart was a founder and is the chairman of the Federal Lands Action Group, whose congressional members seek to hand over ownership of and authority over America's public lands to Western states for sale to the highest bidder.

Toward this goal Stewart introduced [H.R. 4579](#), a bill that would grant an estimated 6,000 miles of rights-of-way across public land to three counties in Utah, opening up those lands to the possibility of road construction and development. These routes, known as Revised Statute 2477—or simply RS 2477 roads, are part of Stewart's broader goal to wrest control of public lands from federal agencies. Stewart also put forth bills to give states more power over livestock grazing on federal land ([H.R. 1792](#)), to block the president's authority to designate new national monuments in Utah ([H.R. 758](#) [2013]), to force increased and unsustainable grazing levels in Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument ([H.R. 743](#)), and to give the Hurricane Sand Dunes National Recreation Area, to Washington County primarily for off-road vehicle use ([H.R. 3560](#)) in exchange for certain state lands that would be restricted to off highway vehicle use.

The congressman is known for his severe dislike of the federal government, having been called "[Glenn Beck on steroids](#)." Stewart advocates for "devolving [control over public lands away from the federal government](#)" and his 2012 campaign website stated, "De-federalizing public lands is vital to a coherent energy strategy."²⁴ After the 2014 Bunkerville standoff in Nevada, in which rifles were aimed at federal employees who were attempting to round up Cliven Bundy's cattle after 24 years of illegal grazing on public lands, he attacked the BLM's law enforcement authority saying that the agency should have instead, "Call[ed] the local sheriff, who has the capability to intervene in situations like that."²⁵

Stewart was formerly president and CEO of, the Shipley Group, which, among other courses, offers [trainings on climate change](#) analysis. However, during his political campaigns, the oil and gas industry has been his biggest donors — contributing [\\$194,650](#) over his career. Stewart denies the reality of climate change saying, "...the science regarding climate change is anything but settled."²⁶ One of the books Stewart authored is on the [Koch Industries recommended reading](#) list. The Koch Brothers are well known for having perpetrated the [image of climate change as a lie](#) and stand to gain immensely from the federal government's loss of authority to protect our public lands from unrestricted coal mining and oil and gas drilling and fracking.

²⁴ <https://web.archive.org/web/20120506210517/http://www.chrisstewartforcongress.com/energy-independence/>

²⁵ <http://archive.slttrib.com/story.php?ref=/slttrib/politics/57881083-90/stewart-blm-bundy-agencies.html.csp>

²⁶ <http://archive.slttrib.com/story.php?ref=/slttrib/opinion/56130738-82/climate-global-stewart-regarding.html.csp>

Anti-Public Lands Bills Sponsored or Cosponsored by Stewart:

Bill Type	Sponsored	Cosponsored
Land Seizure Washington County OHV Giveaway (H.R. 3560) Public Lands Sale for “Recreation” (H.R. 5836) No Increase in Public Land (H.R. 4423)	X	X X
Private/County/State Control of Public Lands Utah County Road Claims Giveaway (H.R. 4579) State Management of Grazing (H.R. 1792) Weakens RS 2477 Rules (H.R. 4313) State Oil and Gas Control (H.R. 866) End BLM/USFS Law Enforcement (H.R. 4751) Local Control of Public Land Access (H.R. 4272) State Beetle Kill Logging Projects (H.R. 695) State Beetle Kill Timber Projects (H.R. 818)	X X	X X X X X X
Weakening Federal Protections Escalante Monument Grazing Levels (H.R. 743) Border Patrol Free Reign (H.R. 2398) Weakens Grazing Management (H.R. 657) New Mexico WSA Release (H.R. 3478) Sage Grouse is Not Endangered (H.R. 4739)	X	X X X X
No More Parks, Monuments, Refuges No New Monuments in Utah [H.R. 758 (2013)] Barriers to New Monuments (H.R. 1459) Limiting New Monuments (H.R. 3946) No New Monuments (H.R. 250) State Monument Approval (H.R. 382)	X	X X X X

Campaign Contributors ([2016 Election](#) [2015-2016], as of December 2016, Source: Center for Responsive Politics):

- Oil & Gas Industry:
 - \$73,500
- Energy & Natural Resources Sector:
 - \$108,200
- Major Funders (in Stewart’s Top 100 Contributors, 2016 Election):
 - **Oil and Gas:** Chevron Corp. (\$10,000), Marathon Petroleum (\$10,000), Sinclair Companies (\$8,100), Halliburton Co. (\$8,000), Questar Corp. (\$5,400), Tesoro Corp. (\$5,000), Exxon Mobil (\$3,500), QEP Resources (\$2,500), Western Energy Alliance (\$2,500)
 - **Energy:** National Rural Electric Cooperative Assn. (\$7,500), Williams Companies (\$4,000), CMS Energy (\$3,000), Association of Energy Service Companies (\$2,500)
 - **Coal:** Alton Coal (\$3,256), Arch Coal (\$2,500)
 - **Mining:** National Mining Assn. (\$3,000), Rio Tinto Group (\$2,500)

- **Conglomerates:** Berkshire Hathaway (\$3,700)
- **Grazing:** National Cattlemen's Beef Assn. (\$2,500)

League of Conservation Voters National Environmental Scorecard:
[Lifetime](#): 4 percent

PUBLIC LANDS ENEMY #7



Rep. Don Young (R-Alaska)

Sponsored Bills: 7; Cosponsored Bills: 18

Total Possible Bills: 84

U.S. House of Representatives (1973-Present), Alaska At-Large Member, Committee on Natural Resources

Chairman, Subcommittee on Indian, Insular, and Alaska Native Affairs

Member, Subcommittee on Federal Lands

Alaska's representative in the House, Don Young, has been in office since 1973. Between 2011 and 2016, he sponsored or cosponsored 25 out of 84 of the anti-public lands bills introduced in the House, earning him the title of Public Lands Enemy #7. Young has introduced many bills with the goal of seizing authority for management of federal lands including national forests. Alaska contains some of the most ecologically important and magnificent public lands in the country including the Tongass National Forest — that contains some of the most intact expanses of temperate rainforests in the world — and the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge on the north Alaska coast, home to America's last polar bears and porcupine caribou. With oil revenues dominating Alaska's economy, any federal rules or laws that protect Alaska's world-renowned public lands are met with fierce resistance from Young.

Young's bill, [H.R. 3294](#), gives states management authority over most federal lands, from which they would predictably maximize revenue at the expense of wildlife and the environment. While states would bear few costs, but stand to profit from this exploitation, Americans would be left to foot the bill for costly management activities, including wildfire suppression and road maintenance.

Another bill Young introduced, [H.R. 3650](#), would force the sale of up to 2 million acres of national forests, resulting in the logging of many remaining old-growth forests. [H.R. 2526](#), would exempt Alaska's Tongass National Forest from protection under the landmark Roadless Area Conservation Rule that prohibits road building and facilitates logging in our remaining intact portions of national forest. Young bill [H.R. 5777](#), dubbed the "road to nowhere," would hand over public land to the state of Alaska in order to build a road through the heart of the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge, a globally important area for millions of migrating birds, as well as bear and salmon. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has said the road would cause significant long-term, ongoing and irreparable damage to important fish, wildlife, habitat and wilderness values of the refuge.

Finally, Young tried to strip the president's authority to designate new national monuments with [H.R. 330](#) and the power of the secretary of the interior to designate national marine sanctuaries in the state of Alaska with [H.R. 332](#) and [H.R. 5389](#).

Young is a longtime foe of public lands, introducing bills to hand America's federal lands to states since at least 1979 when he introduced the [Western Lands Distribution Act](#) that would allow states to seize ownership of much of the public land within their borders. He has also been a longtime proponent of opening up the [Arctic National Wildlife Refuge](#) to oil and gas extraction. The oil and gas industry has been Young's largest donor, contributing at least [\\$1,365,368](#) to his political campaigns during his time in office. His [#1 and #2 individual donors](#) have been Veco Corp. (\$231,620) and Edison Chouest Offshore (\$185,400).

In 2010 Young showed that his allegiance lies with industry and not public land, saying, about Alaska’s majestic frozen landscape, one of the last truly wild places in the country, “There’s nothing pretty about ice. Ice grows nothing,”²⁷ calling climate change “the biggest scam since Teapot Dome,”²⁸ and maintaining that the Deepwater Horizon oil spill was “not an environmental disaster.”²⁹

Anti-Public Lands Bills Sponsored or Cosponsored by Young:

Bill Type	Sponsored	Cosponsored
Land Seizure National Forest Giveaway for Logging (H.R. 3650) Izembek Wildlife Refuge Giveaway (H.R. 5777) State Choice of 5 Percent of Public Lands (H.R. 2852) Public Lands Sale for “Recreation” (H.R. 5836) Oak Flat Land Trade (H.R. 1904) No Increase in Public Land (H.R. 4423)	X X	X X X X
Private/County/State Control of Public Lands State Management of Federal Lands (H.R. 3294) Community Forest Demo Areas (H.R. 2316) Community Forest Demo Areas (H.R. 1294) Local Control of Public Land Access (H.R. 4272) Community Forest Demo Areas (H.R. 6009) State Beetle Kill Timber Projects (H.R. 818) State Beetle Kill Timber Projects (H.R. 6089) State Control, Fisheries and Hunters (H.R. 2406)	X	X X X X X X X
Weakening Federal Protections No Roadless Rule in Alaska (H.R. 2526) Logging Priority on Forests (H.R. 1526)	X	X
No More Parks, Monuments, Refuges No Monuments in Marine Econ Zone (H.R. 330) No Marine Sanctuary Designation (H.R. 332) No Marine Sanctuary Designation (H.R. 5389) Limiting New Wildlife Refuges (H.R. 638) Limiting New Marine Monuments (H.R. 4988) State Monument Approval (H.R. 382) No New Monuments (H.R. 817) State Approval of Monuments (H.R. 4132) Wildlife Refuges by Act of Congress (H.R. 3009)	X X X	X X X X X X X

²⁷ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NKcmjBBtxrs>

²⁸ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NKcmjBBtxrs>

²⁹ <https://thinkprogress.org/rep-don-young-says-the-gulf-oil-gusher-is-not-an-environmental-disaster-6d5f4ba3fe6a#.e8yqh0i3w>

Campaign Contributors ([2016 Election](#) [2015-2016], as of December 2016, source: Center for Responsive Politics):

- Oil & Gas Industry:
 - \$74,050
- Energy & Natural Resources Sector:
 - \$142,300
- Major Funders (in Young's Top 100 Contributors, 2016 Election):
 - **Oil and Gas:** Edison Chouest Offshore (\$28,300), ConocoPhillips (\$10,000), Exxon Mobil (\$9,000), Northern Energy Services (\$5,400), Cruz Construction (\$5,400), Tesoro Corp. (\$4,500), BP (\$4,000), Occidental Petroleum (\$3,000)
 - **Trophy Hunting:** Safari Club International (\$7,000)
 - **Conglomerates:** General Electric (\$3,000)

League of Conservation Voters National Environmental Scorecard:

[Lifetime](#): 9 percent

PUBLIC LANDS ENEMY #8



Sen. Jeff Flake (R-Ariz.)

Sponsored Bills: 4; **Cosponsored Bills:** 12;

Total Possible Bills: 53

U.S. Senate (2013-Present)

U.S. House of Representatives (2001-2012),

Arizona's 6th District

Member, Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Chairman, Subcommittee on Water and Power

Member, Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining

Member, Subcommittee on Energy

Jeff Flake represented Arizona's 6th House district between 2003 and 2012 before being elected to the Senate following the retirement of Jon Kyl in 2013. Between 2011 and 2016, Flake sponsored or cosponsored 16 of the 53 anti-public lands bills that were introduced to the chamber he sat in at the time, earning the title Public Lands Enemy #8.

During those three congressional sessions, Flake personally introduced four anti-public lands bills. In 2015 the senator put forth [S. 1416](#), which would prohibit reservations of federal water rights for new national monuments despite the fact that water rights can be essential to the specific scientific or historical resources for which a monument is established to protect. In 2016 Flake introduced [S. 3334](#), which would give states and counties thousands of miles of so-called Revised Statute 2477—or simply RS 2477—“highways” across national parks, monuments, wilderness areas, and other public lands. The majority of the routes that fall under the 1866 statute are not typical highways, and often include dry washes, cow paths, or seismic lines from drilling exploration, that would serve to fragment wildlife, watersheds, and recreation on public land.

One of the most flagrant anti-public lands provisions that Flake helped push through was a rider on a must-pass spending bill for the defense department that provided for a land exchange that would privatize and destroy Oak Flat, an American Indian sacred site on public land, in order to develop an enormous copper mine, Resolution Copper. The move that has been called a [\\$130 billion giveaway of public lands](#) to private corporations.

In another move against protecting public lands as well as the surrounding communities, Flake [opposed](#) the proposed Greater Grand Canyon Heritage National Monument, which would have made permanent a 20-year ban on new toxic uranium mines. Such mining harms the health of local American Indians and other communities and risks contamination of the springs that feed the Colorado River—a drinking source for millions downstream.

As a [former lobbyist](#) for the mining corporation Rössing Uranium, which is majority owned by the conglomerate Rio Tinto, the same entity behind the proposed mine at Oak Flat, Flake has repeatedly put mining interests above those of public lands and continues to receive generous contributions from the industry. Over the course of his political career, the mining industry has contributed at least [\\$226,402](#) to Flake's campaigns.

Anti-Public Lands Bills Sponsored or Cosponsored by Flake:

Bill Type	Sponsored	Cosponsored
Land Seizure Mohave County BLM Land Sale (S. 3333) Oak Flat Land Trade (H.R. 1904) Sale of Western Land (H.R. 1126) Oak Flat Land Trade (S. 339)	X	X X X
Private/County/State Control of Public Lands Weakens RS 2477 Rules (S. 3334)	X	
Weakening Federal Protections Border Patrol Free Reign (S. 2772) No More Uranium Withdrawal (H.R. 3155) Remove Wilderness Management (H.R. 1581) Weakens Grazing Management (S. 258) Logging Priority on Forests (S. 1966)	X	X X X X
No More Parks, Monuments, Refuges No Water for Monuments (S. 1416) No New Monuments in Arizona (H.R. 2877) No New Monuments [H.R. 758 (2011)] No New Monuments Rider (S.A. 3023) No New Monuments Rider (S.A. 3126) No New Monuments (S. 437)	X	X X X X X

Campaign Contributors ([2011-2016](#), as of December 2016, source: Center for Responsive Politics):

- Mining Industry:
 - \$193,902
- Oil & Gas Industry:
 - \$171,310
- Energy & Natural Resources Sector:
 - \$566,800
- Major Funders (in Flake's Top 100 Contributors, 2016 Election):
 - **Mining:** Freeport-McMoRan (\$59,250), National Mining Assn. (\$12,500), Rosemont Copper (\$12,250)
 - **Coal:** Peabody Energy (\$16,000), Murray Energy (\$13,602)
 - **Oil and Gas:** Sinclair Companies (\$17,700)
 - **Conglomerates:** Berkshire Hathaway (\$33,600), Honeywell International (\$15,500)

League of Conservation Voters National Environmental Scorecard:

[Lifetime](#): 9 percent

PUBLIC LANDS ENEMY #9



Rep. Raúl Labrador (R-Idaho)

Sponsored Bills: 8; Cosponsored Bills: 15;

Total Possible Bills: 84

U.S. House of Representatives (2011-Present),

Idaho's 1st District

Member, Committee on Natural Resources

Chairman, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations

Member, Subcommittee on Federal Lands

Member, Federal Land Action Group

Raúl Labrador, the four-term Representative of Idaho's 1st district, sponsored or cosponsored 23 of 84 anti-public lands bills, earning him the rank of Public Lands Enemy #9. As a member of the House Committee on Natural Resources and a member of key subcommittees that oversee public lands issues and fossil fuel extraction, Congressman Labrador has significant influence over what happens on our public lands. Labrador is also a member of the Federal Land Action Group, a congressional group dedicated to using legislation to dismantle and hand over America's public lands to states for privatization and extraction.

Between 2011 and 2016, Labrador sponsored three bills — [H.R. 6009](#) (2012), [H.R. 1294](#) (2013), [H.R. 2316](#) (2015) — that allow for carving out “community forest demonstration areas” as large as 4 million acres from national forests. Management of these areas would be handed over to advisory committees that are selected by the states. He also introduced [H.R. 4234](#) (2012) and [H.R. 657](#) (2013), which undermine regulations on livestock grazing on federal land by making grazing leases last for 20 years rather than 10 and categorically exclude decisions on granting grazing permits from analysis of environmental harm and public input under the National Environmental Policy Act.

Labrador's allegiance lies with the logging and livestock industries. Over his career those industries both have been [top ten](#) supporters for Labrador. The agribusiness sector as a whole, his second largest campaign donor, has given him [\\$302,599](#).

Labrador's district, which he won by a more than two-to-one margin in 2016, includes the Idaho panhandle, which has a [disturbing history of neo-Nazism and white-supremacy](#) and is [one of the epicenters of the American Redoubt movement](#), which seeks to create a haven for ultra-conservative, Christian, libertarian doomsdayers. This group fits squarely into the so-called “patriot movement,” the most vocal and visual faction pushing for federal lands to be handed over to the states. In 2016 Labrador sided with the most well-known members of the patriot movement, the Bundy family and their militia supporters, calling the 2016 armed occupation of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge occupation a [“peaceful takeover”](#) and an act of “civil disobedience.”³⁰

In 2016 Tree Top Ranches, a mega-ranch owned by [former timber magnate](#) Larry Williams, tied for Labrador's biggest campaign donor. The ranch's management also [sympathized with the Malheur occupation](#).

³⁰ <http://talkingpointsmemo.com/livewire/raul-labrador-civil-disobediance-bundy-oregon>

Anti-Public Lands Bills Sponsored or Cosponsored by Labrador:

Bill Type	Sponsored	Cosponsored
Land Seizure Sale of Western Land (H.R. 1126) Public Lands Sale for “Recreation” (H.R. 5836)		X X
Private/County/State Control of Public Lands Community Forest Demo Areas (H.R. 6009) Community Forest Demo Areas (H.R. 1294) Community Forest Demo Areas (H.R. 2316) State Beetle Kill Logging Projects (H.R. 695) State Beetle Kill Timber Projects (H.R. 818) State Beetle Kill Timber Projects (H.R. 6089)	X X X	X X X
Weakening Federal Protections Weakens Grazing Management (H.R. 4234) Weakens Grazing Management (H.R. 657) Remove Wilderness Management (H.R. 1581) Logging Priority on Forests (H.R. 2178) End BLM/USFS Law Enforcement (H.R. 4751) Border Patrol Free Reign (H.R. 2398) Sage Grouse is Not Endangered (H.R. 4739)	X X	X X X X X
No More Parks, Monuments, Refuges No New Monuments in Idaho (H.R. 846) No New Monuments in Idaho (H.R. 1439) Local Monument Approval (H.R. 900) Limiting New Monuments (H.R. 3946) Local Monument Nullification (H.R. 2258) New Monument Nullification (H.R. 2192) No New Monuments (H.R. 302) No New Monuments [H.R. 758 (2011)]	X X X	X X X X X

Campaign Contributors ([2016 Election](#) [2015-2016], as of December 2016, source: Center for Responsive Politics):

- Oil & Gas Industry:
 - \$13,900
- Agribusiness Sector³¹:
 - \$50,300
- Energy & Natural Resources Sector:
 - \$40,600
- Major Funders (in Labrador’s Top 100 Contributors, 2016 Election):
 - **Oil & Gas:** Sinclair Companies (\$5,400), MDU Resources Group (\$3,750), Alta Mesa Resources (\$2,000), Western Energy Alliance (\$2,000), Williams Companies (\$2,000)
 - **Grazing:** Tree Top Ranches (\$10,800), National Cattleman’s Beef Assn. (\$8,000), Agri Beef (\$6,200)
 - **Mining:** Coeur Mining (\$5,000), Hecla Mining (\$1,000)
 - **Conglomerates:** Koch Industries (\$10,000), Berkshire Hathaway (\$9,500)
 - **Logging:** Idaho Forest Group (\$3,000), Bennett Lumber Products (\$2,000)
 - **Agribusiness:** Monsanto Co. (\$1,000)

League of Conservation Voters National Environmental Scorecard:

[Lifetime](#): 6 percent

PUBLIC LANDS ENEMY #10



Rep. Jason Chaffetz (R-Utah)

Sponsored Bills: 5; Cosponsored Bills: 18;

Total Possible Bills: 84

U.S. House of Representatives (2009-Present),

Utah's 3rd District

Chairman, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

Jason Chaffetz — who represents much of southern and eastern Utah's red rock desert — sponsored five and cosponsored 18 of the 84 anti-public lands bills analyzed for this report, earning the rank of Public Lands Enemy #10.

In 2016, one month after the armed occupation of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge, the congressman introduced a bill — [H.R. 4751](#) — that would take away the authority of the Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Forest Service to enforce federal law on lands managed by those agencies. Instead the law would give all law-enforcement powers on U.S. public lands to local sheriffs, ceding to a major demand of anti-government extremists who believe sheriffs have more authority over local matters than the federal government. The bill's title, "Local Enforcement for Local Lands Act," fails to recognize that all Americans own public lands.

Chaffetz was one of the architects of [H.R. 5780](#); the now-failed Utah Public Lands Initiative (PLI). This "grand bargain" to end disagreements over public-lands issues in southern and eastern Utah, instead promotes fossil fuel development and provides loophole ridden "conservation" designations. The PLI seizes authority from public-land managers and gives the state of Utah control over the permitting and regulation of all forms of energy development on millions of acres of public lands. The bill even requires that federal land managers submit a report to Congress if they fail to follow the demands of local politicians. The PLI would unleash a carbon bomb by giving large blocks of public land to the state of Utah for tar sands, oil shale, coal, oil and gas extraction. The bill also fails to protect well over half a million acres of culturally important areas in the Bears Ears region, placing these important sites at risk of vandalism and theft and leaving out protections for about half of the region's deserving wilderness.

Chaffetz also cosponsored bills that would grant an estimated 6,000 miles of rights-of-way (RS 2477 routes) across federal land to three Utah counties ([H.R. 4579](#)) and that would block the President's authority under the Antiquities Act to designate new National Monuments in Utah ([H.R. 2147](#), [H.R. 758](#) (2013)). Chaffetz also sponsored three bills, [H.R. 1126](#) (2011), [H.R. 2657](#) (2013), and [H.R. 435](#) (2015), that force the secretary of the interior to sell off certain public lands in 10 western states. In 2017, one week after Rep. Jason Chaffetz (R-Utah) reintroduced his bill to sell 3.3 million acres of public lands, Chaffetz withdrew his bill after massive public opposition.

Chaffetz [previously worked for two coal corporations](#), Covol Fuels and Headwaters Energy Services, and has received at least [\\$147,650](#) in campaign contributions from the oil and gas industry during his political career. Showing his favor of fossil fuels, in 2014, he said, "Is our air and is our quality of life affected by what we throw into the air and in the water? Yes, of course, but the Al Gore defined global warming is a farce, it is."³²

³² <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D1kx39GNbcc>

Anti-Public Lands Bills Sponsored or Cosponsored by Chaffetz:

Bill Type	Sponsored	Cosponsored
Land Seizure Sale of Western Land (H.R. 1126) Sale of Western Land (H.R. 2657) Sale of Western Land (H.R. 435) State Choice of 5 Percent of Public Lands (H.R. 2852) Oak Flat Land Trade (H.R. 1904)	X X X	X X
Private/County/State Control of Public Lands End BLM/USFS Law Enforcement (H.R. 4751) Utah County Road Claims Giveaway (H.R. 4579) Public Lands Initiative (H.R. 5780) State Oil and Gas Control (H.R. 866) Local Control of Public Land Access (H.R. 1555) Local Control of Public Land Access (H.R. 4272) State Beetle Kill Logging Projects (H.R. 695)	X	X X X X X X
Weakening Federal Protections Border Patrol Free Reign (H.R. 2398) No More Uranium Withdrawal (H.R. 3155) Remove Wilderness Management (H.R. 1581) Sage Grouse is Not Endangered (H.R. 4739)		X X X X
No More Parks, Monuments, Refuges No New Monuments (H.R. 250) No New Monuments in Utah (H.R. 2147) No New Monuments in Utah [H.R. 758 (2013)] PLI Antiquities Attack Companion (H.R. 5781) Barriers to New Monuments (H.R. 1459) No New Monuments [H.R. 758 (2011)] No New Monuments (H.R. 817)	X	X X X X X X

Campaign Contributors ([2016 Election](#) [2015-2016], as of December 2016, source: Center for Responsive Politics):

- Oil & Gas Industry:
 - \$48,800
- Energy & Natural Resources Sector:
 - \$84,900
- Major Funders (in Chaffetz’s Top 100 Contributors, 2016 Election):
 - **Oil & Gas:** Sinclair Companies (\$13,300), Sinclair Oil (\$5,200), Anadarko Petroleum (\$5,000)
 - **Energy:** Duke Energy (\$11,000)
 - **Conglomerates:** Berkshire Hathaway (\$15,700), Koch Industries (\$10,000)

League of Conservation Voters National Environmental Scorecard:

[Lifetime](#): 3 percent

PUBLIC LANDS ENEMY #11



Rep. Mark Amodei (R-Nev.)

Sponsored Bills: 4; Cosponsored Bills: 18;

Total Possible Bills: 84

U.S. House of Representatives (2011-Present), Nevada's 2nd District Member, House Appropriation Committee

Member, Subcommittee on the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies

Member, Federal Lands Action Group

Congressman Mark Amodei introduced or cosponsored 22 of 84 anti-public lands bills, earning him the rank of Public Lands Enemy #11. As a member of the [Federal Land Action Group](#), Amodei is one of the leading congressional agitators for turning public lands over to the states and corporate interests. Amodei has said that he is using his position on the House Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Subcommittee to advance “legislation to strengthen local control over the federal lands.”³³ To that end the representative has introduced a steady stream of bills.

In 2015 Amodei introduced [H.R. 1484](#), which would direct the federal government to offer up most publicly owned lands in Nevada to the state, allowing the state to choose which of our national forests and high deserts they want to own. Amodei's [H.R. 1633](#) would require the federal lands agencies to create a process whereby any landowner adjacent to Forest Service or BLM land could request to buy the public land next door. The bill does not contain a limit as to how much land could be sold over time and proceeds from these sales of federal land would go the states rather than the federal government. Another of the congressman's bills, [H.R. 1214](#), would change the authority of the secretary of agriculture to sell off certain National Forest parcels and Amodei's [H.R. 488](#) would effectively take away the President's authority to establish new national monuments in Nevada.

In a 2013 letter to a constituent, Amodei expressed his opinion on climate change — an issue with dire impacts on public lands — writing, “I recognize that some scientists believe that global warming is caused by failed environmental practices; however, others argue that these temperature increases would incur [*sic*] regardless due to the warming of the center of the earth. I do not believe it is appropriate for the federal government to advocate one position over the other. Since, we do not know much about long-term climate change, I do agree we must have an unbiased research effort funded by both the government and the private sector to answer the essential questions about climate change.”³⁴

In 2007 and 2008, Amodei served as the [president of the Nevada Mining Association](#), and during his congressional career, the mining industry has contributed [\\$92,200](#) to his campaigns.

³³ <https://amodei.house.gov/public-lands/>

³⁴ <http://www.dailykos.com/story/2013/8/16/1231627/-Nevada-Rep-Mark-Amodei-R-Challenges-Climate-Change-in-a-Letter-to-a-Constituent>

Anti-Public Lands Bills Sponsored or Cosponsored by Amodei:

Bill Type	Sponsored	Cosponsored
Land Seizure Nevada Land Seizure (H.R. 1484) Sale to Adjacent Landowners (H.R. 1633) Bigger “Small Tracts” Sales (H.R. 1214) Public Lands Sale for “Recreation” (H.R. 5836) Weakens Grazing Management (H.R. 657) Oak Flat Land Trade (H.R. 1904)	X X X	X X X
Private/County/State Control of Public Lands Community Forest Demo Areas (H.R. 1294) End BLM/USFS Law Enforcement (H.R. 4751) Community Forest Demo Areas (H.R. 2316) Weakens RS 2477 Rules (H.R. 4313) Local Control of Public Land Access (H.R. 1555) Local Control of Public Land Access (H.R. 4272) State Beetle Kill Logging Projects (H.R. 695) State Beetle Kill Timber Projects (H.R. 818) State Beetle Kill Timber Projects (H.R. 6089)		X X X X X X X X
Weakening Federal Protections Remove Wilderness Management (H.R. 1581) Weakens Grazing Management (H.R. 4234) Sage Grouse is Not Endangered (H.R. 4739)		X X X
No More Parks, Monuments, Refuges No New Monuments in Nevada (H.R. 488) Barriers to New Monuments (H.R. 1459) Limiting New Monuments (H.R. 3946) Limiting New Wildlife Refuges (H.R. 638)	X	X X X

Campaign Contributors ([2016 Election](#) [2015-2016], as of December 2016, source: Center for Responsive Politics):

- Mining Industry:
 - \$29,700
- Livestock Industry:
 - \$19,200
- Oil & Gas Industry:
 - \$8,000
- Energy & Natural Resources Sector:
 - \$50,700
- Agribusiness Sector³⁵:
 - \$34,100
- Major Funders (in Amodei’s Top 100 Contributors, 2016 Election):

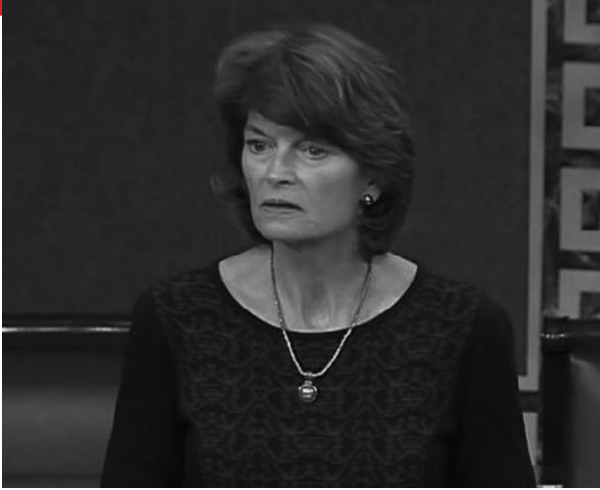
³⁵ The agribusiness sector includes: Crop Production & Basic Processing, Vegetables & Fruits, Sugar Cane & Sugar Beets, Tobacco, Dairy, Poultry & Eggs, Livestock, Agricultural Services & Products, Farm Bureaus, Food Processing & Sales, Food Products and Manufacturing, Food Stores, Meat Processing & Products, Forestry and Forest Products

- **Mining:** Barrick Gold Corporation (\$12,000), National Stone, Sand & Gravel Assoc. (\$7,500), National Mining Association (\$5,000), Comstock Mining (\$4,000), Newmont Mining (\$3,500), Coeur Mining (\$2,700), Freeport-McMoRan (\$2,500),
- **Grazing:** National Cattlemen's Beef Association (\$10,000)
- **Energy:** NV Energy (\$7,500)
- **Conglomerates:** Berkshire Hathaway (\$2,500), Honeywell International (\$2,500)

League of Conservation Voters National Environmental Scorecard:

[Lifetime](#): 3 percent

PUBLIC LANDS ENEMY #12



Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska)

Sponsored Bills: 4; Cosponsored Bills: 6;

Total Possible Bills: 48

U.S. Senate (2002-Present)

Chairwoman, Energy and Natural Resources Committee

Member, Appropriations Committee

Chairwoman, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies

Member, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development

Member, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies

Lisa Murkowski is Public Lands Enemy #12. She sponsored or cosponsored 10 of the 48 public land enemy bills we identified in the Senate between 2011 and 2016. As chair of the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, Murkowski wields more influence over how and where energy is extracted and developed on America's public lands and waters than any other senator. She also sits on one of the most powerful subcommittees, the Committee on Appropriations, and is chairwoman of the Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, which controls spending — and thus levels of fossil fuel extraction, logging and protection — for the Department of the Interior, the federal department that oversees half a billion acres of public lands, as well as the Department of Agriculture's Forest Service.

Alaska contains some of the most ecologically important and magnificent public lands in the country including the Tongass National Forest — that contains some of the most intact expanses of temperate rainforests in the world — and the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) on the north Alaska coast, home to America's last polar bears and porcupine caribou. With oil revenues dominating Alaska's economy, any federal rules or laws that protect Alaska's world renowned public lands are met with fierce resistance from the Senator who has consistently advocated for increasing oil and gas production in the [ANWR](#), and opposed designating the area as wilderness.

In 2016 Murkowski introduced [S. 3203](#), which favors oil and gas development and prevents conservation designations on federal lands in Alaska. On the same day, despite the opposition of 56 Native villages in Western Alaska, the senator also introduced a bill, [S. 3204](#), which would hand over federal land to Alaska in order to construct a road across the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge while silencing public input and blocking documentation of environmental harm. The Izembek National Wildlife Refuge and adjacent Izembek State Game Refuge, a globally important area for millions of migrating birds, as well as bear and salmon is recognized as a Wetland of International Importance. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has said the road would cause significant long-term, ongoing and irreparable damage to important fish, wildlife, habitat and wilderness values of the refuge.

Perhaps most significantly for public lands, Murkowski was the force behind passing — by a 51 to 49 vote — the 2015 senate budget resolution amendment ([S.A. 838](#)) that served to put the Senate on record as encouraging the disposal of most federal land. The amendment provides a budgetary mechanism for future legislation that would support and fund state efforts to seize and sell federal lands — including national forests, wildlife refuges and wilderness areas — to the states for resource extraction and privatization.

In 2013 Murkowski said, “[The] Federal government's broke here. We can't continue to pay counties to not utilize the lands within their boundaries... We either need to use our federal lands to generate the revenue and the jobs for our rural communities, or we should divest the federal government of those lands and let the states, or

the counties or boroughs manage them.”³⁶

In 2016 Murkowski was ranked the fifth “dirtiest politician” by Oil Change International based on the amount of money she gets from the oil and gas industry. During her career the industry has contributed more than any other — at least [\\$1.3 million](#) and as much as [\\$2.4 million](#) — to her political campaigns. According to the Center for Responsive Politics, over her congressional career, Murkowski’s single biggest donor has been [ConocoPhillips](#). Between 2011 and 2016, at least [23 of Murkowski’s top 100](#) donors were oil and gas corporations.

Anti-Public Lands Bills Sponsored or Cosponsored by Murkowski:

Bill Type	Sponsored	Cosponsored
Land Seizure Senate Encourages Land Disposal (S.A. 838) Izembek Wildlife Refuge Giveaway (S. 3204)	X X	
Weakening Federal Protections Alaska Oil and Gas Over Public Land (S. 3203) No Alaska Roadless Rule (S. 1357) Remove Wilderness Management (S. 1087) No More Uranium Withdrawal (S. 1690)	X	X X X
No More Parks, Monuments, Refuges No New Monuments (S. 437) State Approval of Land Designations (S. 2473) No New Monuments (S. 407) No New Monuments (S. 228)	X	X X X

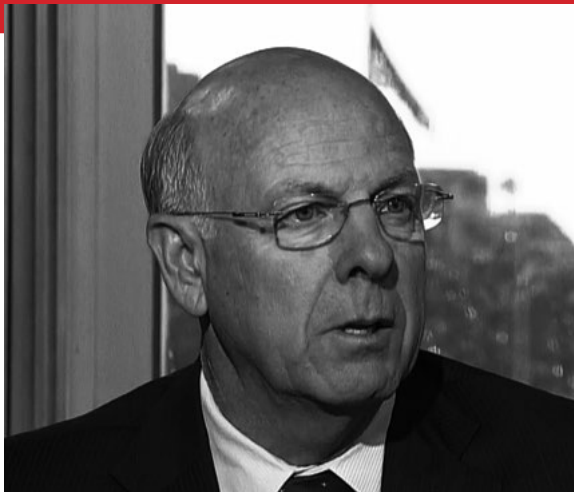
Campaign Contributors ([2016 Election](#) [2015-2016], as of December 2016, source: Center for Responsive Politics):

- Oil & Gas Industry:
 - \$858,199
- Energy & Natural Resources Sector:
 - \$2,145,700
- Major Funders (in Murkowski’s Top 100 Contributors, 2016 Election):
 - **Oil & Gas:** Cheniere Energy Inc. (\$49,000), Energy Transfer Equity (\$45,700), Exelon Corp. (\$47,000), DTE Energy (\$39,958), ConocoPhillips (\$39,200), Sempra Energy (\$38,700), Pioneer Natural Resources (\$37,200), Southern Co. (\$36,200), Dominion Resources (\$32,000), Chevron Corp. (\$29,100), BP (\$27,350), Edison Chouest Offshore (\$27,250), PPL Corp. (\$25,750), Exxon Mobile (\$23,000), Anadarko Petroleum (\$17,500), Spectra Energy (\$16,603), Royal Dutch Shell (\$16,500), Occidental Petroleum (\$15,800), Duke Energy (\$15,000), Association of Oil Pipelines (\$14,000), Petroleum Marketers Assn. (\$14,000), NRG Energy (\$13,500), Concho Resources (\$13,100)
 - **Conglomerates:** General Electric (\$44,700), Koch Industries (\$16,500)
 - **Mining:** Freeport-McMoRan Inc. (\$16,800), Cline Group (\$16,200), Barrick Gold Corp. (\$15,500)

League of Conservation Voters National Environmental Scorecard:

[Lifetime](#): 18 percent

BLIC LANDS ENEMY #13



Rep. Steve Pearce (R-N.M.)

Sponsored Bills: 2; Cosponsored Bills: 20;

Total Possible Bills: 84

U.S. House of Representatives (2011-Present),
New Mexico's 2nd District

Member, Committee on Natural Resources

Member, Subcommittee on Federal Lands

Member, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources

Steve Pearce ranks as Public Lands Enemy #13. He sponsored or cosponsored 22 of the 84 of the “anti-public lands” bills introduced in the House of Representatives. Pearce, currently serving his seventh term representing the southern half of New Mexico, is one of the most radical, anti-environmental members of Congress and publicly encourages vigilantism and the destruction of America’s public lands. Pearce was the original sponsor of two bills. [H.R. 1512](#) strips away the president’s authority to designate new national monuments in New Mexico by requiring congressional authorization. [H.R. 3478](#) does away with protections for Wilderness Study Areas — areas deemed worthy of wilderness designation by Congress — in New Mexico’s Luna and Hidalgo counties.

Pearce has a strong allegiance to the fossil fuel industry. He was a long-time owner of Lea Fishing Tools, [an oilfield services company](#) that he sold to Key Energy in 2003 for [\\$12 million](#). Fossil fuel corporations have been major contributors throughout Pearce’s political career. For the 2016 election, at least 24 of Pearce’s top 100 campaign contributors were oil, gas, and energy corporations. Over the course of his time as a U.S. Representative, the oil and gas industry has given Pearce more than twice as much money — [\\$2,061,743](#)— as any other industry.

In August 2011, following Pearce’s calls for people in southwestern New Mexico to seize control of federal land, [vigilantes destroyed public lands](#) by illegally bulldozing more than 13 miles of the San Francisco River in the Gila National Forest. The river is designated critical habitat for the endangered loach minnow, and the bulldozed section includes an inventoried roadless area downstream of the town of Reserve.

Eight days after the incident, during a town hall meeting in Eager, Ariz., Congressman Pearce urged [counties to take control](#) of all the land within their boundaries, including federal public land. Pearce, who was called a “Tea Party rock star” by the *White Mountain Independent* newspaper reporting on the event, praised New Mexico and Oregon counties for “taking control.” This included the Otero County sheriff who threatened to arrest any Forest Service staff interfering with the county’s logging on national forest land.

Anti-Public Lands Bills Sponsored or Cosponsored by Pearce:

Bill Type	Sponsored	Cosponsored
Land Seizure State Choice of 5 Percent of Public Lands (H.R. 2852) Public Lands Sale for “Recreation” (H.R. 5836) Weakens Grazing Management (H.R. 657) Oak Flat Land Trade (H.R. 1904)		X X X X
Private/County/State Control of Public Lands Community Forest Demo Areas (H.R. 6009) Community Forest Demo Areas (H.R. 1294) Community Forest Demo Areas (H.R. 2316) End BLM/USFS Law Enforcement (H.R. 4751) Local Control of Public Land Access (H.R. 4272) State Beetle Kill Logging Projects (H.R. 695) State Beetle Kill Timber Projects (H.R. 818) State Beetle Kill Timber Projects (H.R. 6089)		X X X X X X X X
Weakening Federal Protections New Mexico County WSA Release (H.R. 3478) Remove Wilderness Management (H.R. 1581) Logging Priority on Forests (H.R. 1526) No More Uranium Withdrawal (H.R. 3155)	X	X X X
No More Parks, Monuments, Refuges No New Monuments in New Mexico (H.R. 1512) Barriers to New Monuments (H.R. 1459) Limiting New Monuments (H.R. 3946) Local Monument Nullification (H.R. 2258) Local Monument Approval (H.R. 900) No New Monuments (H.R. 302)	X	X X X X X

Campaign Contributors (2016 Election [2015-2016], as of December 2016, source: Center for Responsive Politics)”

- Oil & Gas:
 - \$215,650
- Livestock:
 - \$84,076
- Misc. Energy:
 - \$39,164
- Mining:
 - \$21,400

- Agribusiness Sector³⁷:
 - \$158,000
- Energy and Natural Resources Sector:
 - \$295,200
- Major Funders (in Pearce’s Top 100 Contributors, 2016 Election):
 - **Oil & Gas:** Henry Resources (\$16,200), Mack Energy (\$10,800), Santo Petroleum (\$10,406), Enervest Ltd (\$10,000), Crownquest Operating (\$9,200), Yates Petroleum (\$8,900), Western Refining (\$8,100), ConocoPhillips (\$7,500), Featherstone Development (\$8,100), Halliburton Co. (\$7,650), Matador Natural Resources (\$5,500), Occidental Petroleum (\$5,500), Concho Resources (\$5,400), Tfh Rental Co. (\$5,400), Marbob Energy (\$5,400), ABO Petroleum (\$5,400), Gandy Corp. (\$5,400), Burlson Oil (\$5,400), Mesquite Services (\$5,400), Danny’s Hot Oil (\$5,200), Devon Energy (\$5,000), Bopco Lp (\$5,000), Chevron Corp. (\$5,000), Cimarex Energy (\$5,000)
 - **Grazing:** Gregory Rockhouse Ranch (\$10,500), DK Boyd Land & Cattle Co. (\$8,100)
 - **Mining:** Intrepid Potash (\$5,400), Freeport-McMoRan (\$5,000)
 - **Land Sales:** American Land Title Association (\$6,000)

League of Conservation Voters National Environmental Scorecard:

[Lifetime](#): 5 percent

³⁷ The agribusiness sector includes: Crop Production & Basic Processing, Vegetables & Fruits, Sugar Cane & Sugar Beets, Tobacco, Dairy, Poultry & Eggs, Livestock, Agricultural Services & Products, Farm Bureaus, Food Processing & Sales, Food Products and Manufacturing, Food Stores, Meat Processing & Products, Forestry and Forest Products.

PUBLIC LANDS ENEMY #14



Rep. Tom McClintock (R-Calif.)

Sponsored Bills: 0; Cosponsored Bills: 24;

Total Possible Bills: 84

U.S. House of Representatives (2009-Present),

California's 4th District

Member, Committee on Natural Resources

Chairman, Subcommittee on Federal Lands

Member, Subcommittee on Water, Power, and Oceans

Between 2011 and 2016, Tom McClintock, whose district encompasses a large section of California's Sierra Nevada, cosponsored 25 of the 81 anti-public lands bills in the U.S. House of Representatives. With these cosponsorships, McClintock ranks Public Land Enemy #14.

One of the bills McClintock cosponsored, [H.R. 1526](#), under the guise of forest health, would mandate logging levels, increase clearcutting, interfere with an independent judiciary, severely limit citizen access to the courts, waive the public's ability to challenge damaging and illegal logging projects, and resurrect the failed system of tying county budgets to receipts from logging the national forests. [H.R. 2647](#), using the facade of a wildfire emergency, would undermine environmental protections and bedrock environmental laws.

McClintock also supported [H.R. 1294](#), [H.R. 6009](#), [H.R. 818](#) and [H.R. 6089](#) — bills that would cede management authority over national forests to states while weakening or eliminating the public-input process and protections for wildlife and streams.

For the 2016 election, tied for McClintock's [biggest donor was Koch Industries](#), and over the course of his career, [Occidental Petroleum](#) has been his number-three supporter. The congressman denies climate change — an issue that has grave consequences for public lands — having said, “Droughts are nature's fault and they are beyond our control. Water shortages, on the other hand, are our fault.”³⁸ McClintock has called some environmental protections “unrealistic laws” and argued that they should be undermined in order to “accommodate a new era of dam construction.”³⁹

³⁸ <https://mcclintock.house.gov/newsroom/speeches/california-water-its-the-storage>

³⁹ <https://www.wsj.com/articles/SB10001424052702304547704579565622649474370>

Anti-Public Lands Bills Sponsored or Cosponsored by McClintock:

Bill Type	Sponsored	Cosponsored
Land Seizure Sale of Western Land (H.R. 1126) Public Lands Sale for “Recreation” (H.R. 5836) Weakens Grazing Management (H.R. 657)		X X X
Private/County/State Control of Public Lands End BLM/USFS Law Enforcement (H.R. 4751) Weakens RS 2477 Rules (H.R. 4313) Local Control of Public Land Access (H.R. 1555) Local Control of Public Land Access (H.R. 4272) State Control, Fisheries and Hunters (H.R. 2406) Community Forest Demo Areas (H.R. 1294) State Beetle Kill Timber Projects (H.R. 818) State Beetle Kill Timber Projects (H.R. 6089) Community Forest Demo Areas (H.R. 6009)		X X X X X X X X X
Weakening Federal Protections Remove Wilderness Management (H.R. 1581) Weakens Grazing Management (H.R. 4234) Logging Priority on Forests (H.R. 1526) Timber Over Forest Conservation (H.R. 2647)		X X X X
No More Parks, Monuments, Refuges Limiting New Wildlife Refuges (H.R. 638) New Monument Nullification (H.R. 2192) No New Monuments (H.R. 302) No New Monuments [H.R. 758 (2011)] Limiting New Marine Monuments (H.R. 4988) No New Monuments (H.R. 250) State Monument Approval (H.R. 382) No New Monuments (H.R. 817)		X X X X X X X X

Campaign Contributors ([2016 Election](#) [2015-2016] as of December 2016, source: Center for Responsive Politics):

- Oil & Gas Industry:
 - \$15,500
- Energy & Natural Resources Sector:
 - \$29,700
- Major Funders (in McClintock’s Top 100 Contributors, 2016 Election):
 - **Oil & Gas:** Vaquero Energy (\$2,700), Independent Petroleum Assn. of America (\$2,500), Occidental Petroleum (\$2,000), Tesoro Corp. (\$1,500)
 - **Logging:** Sierra Pacific Industries (\$3,000), American Forest Resource Council (\$2,000), Barnum Timber Co. (\$1,500)

- **Grazing:** National Cattleman's Beef Assn. (\$2,500)
- **Mining:** National Stone, Sand & Gravel Assn. (\$2,000)
- **Conglomerates:** Koch Industries (\$10,000), Honeywell International (\$9,000)

League of Conservation Voters National Environmental Scorecard:

[Lifetime](#): 5 percent

PUBLIC LANDS ENEMY #15



Sen. Dean Heller (R-Nev.)

U.S. Senate (2011-Present)

Sponsored Bills: 3; Cosponsored Bills: 6;

Total Possible Bills: 48

Dean Heller has been a Nevada senator since 2011. While he has held the office, he has sponsored or cosponsored nine out of 48 anti-public lands bills, earning him a spot as Public Lands Enemy #15. Heller believes that Congress should give federal lands to the state and local governments and has said, “I have been working in Congress for years on bills that free up public land for development, recreation, and other purposes.”⁴⁰

Heller seems to have a particular dislike of national monuments having introduced three bills ([S. 472](#), [S. 1554](#), and [S. 232](#)) to strip the authority of the president to establish new monuments in Nevada. S. 232 would also nullify a Secretarial Order for the Bureau of Land Management to monitor and protect public land with wilderness values in the state.

Heller has spoken out against national monuments with more than just his legislation. In 2015 he called Obama’s designation of Basin and Range National Monument in Nevada “a disgrace”⁴¹ and has also urged the president [against protecting](#) the Gold Butte and Owyhee Canyonlands landscapes as monuments.⁴²

During the now infamous cattle roundup that triggered the 2014 Bunkerville standoff between federal authorities and the armed supporters of Cliven Bundy, Heller referred to the anti-federal militant Bundys as patriots.⁴³ He later backpedaled on his use of the label.

During his political career, the lawmaker has received at least [\\$1,004,613](#) in campaign contributions from the energy and natural resources sector¹ — his #4 supporter.

⁴⁰ <http://www.heller.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/energy>

⁴¹ <http://www.reviewjournal.com/news/water-environment/heller-obama-creation-nevada-monument-disgrace>

⁴² <http://www.reviewjournal.com/news/politics-and-government/clark-county/sen-dean-heller-urges-obama-against-last-minute-monument>

⁴³ <http://www.msnbc.com/rachel-maddow-show/dean-heller-has-second-thoughts-bundy>

Anti-Public Lands Bills Sponsored or Cosponsored by Heller:

Bill Type	Sponsored	Cosponsored
Private/County/State Control of Public Lands Weakens RS 2477 Rules (S. 3334)		X
Weakening Federal Protections Remove Wilderness Management (S. 1087) Logging Priority on Forests (S. 1966) Weakens Grazing Management (S. 258) Weakens Grazing Management (S. 1129)		X X X X
No More Parks, Monuments, Refuges No New Monuments in Nevada (S. 472) No New Monuments in Nevada (S. 1554) No New Monuments in Nevada (S. 232) No New Monuments (S. 228)	X X X	X

Campaign Contributors (2011-2016, as of December 2016, source: Center for Responsive Politics):

- Mining Industry:
 - \$296,600
- Oil & Gas Industry:
 - \$269,450
- Energy & Natural Resources Sector:
 - \$846,200
- Major Funders (in Heller’s Top 100 Contributors, 2016 Election):
 - **Energy:** NV Energy (\$46,388), Southwest Gas (\$37,250)
 - **Coal:** Alliance Resource Partners (\$37,000), Murray Energy (\$36,278)
 - **Mining:** Barrick Gold Corp. (\$35,250), Newmont Mining (\$22,250)
 - **Conglomerates:** Berkshire Hathaway (\$34,900), Honeywell International (\$34,000), General Electric (\$31,500), Koch Industries (\$20,500)
 - **Oil and Gas:** Mewbourne Oil Co. (\$25,000)

League of Conservation Voters National Environmental Scorecard:

[Lifetime](#): 11 percent

Appendix 1: Public Lands Enemies, Scores and Ranking

PL Enemy Rank	Member	Chamber	Party, State, District	PL Enemy Score (Total Points over Total Bills)	Total # Points (Sponsorships=2, Co-sp.=1)	Bills Supported or Co-Sponsored	Total # of Applicable Bills	# Sponsorships	# Co-sponsorships	LCV Lifetime Score
1	Lee, Mike	Senate	R UT	64.6%	31	21	48	10	11	10%
2	Bishop, Rob	House	R UT-1	50.0%	42	30	84	12	18	3%
3	Hatch, Orrin	Senate	R UT	47.9%	23	19	48	4	15	10%
4	Gosar, Paul	House	R AZ-4	46.4%	39	32	84	7	25	7%
5	Barrasso, John	Senate	R WY	41.7%	20	12	48	8	4	9%
6	Stewart, Chris	House	R UT-2	38.2%	26	21	68	5	16	4%
7	Young, Don	House	R AK	38.1%	32	25	84	7	18	9%
8	Flake, Jeff	Senate	R AZ	37.7%	20	16	53	4	12	9%
9	Labrador, Raul	House	R ID-1	36.9%	31	23	84	8	15	6%
10	Chaffetz, Jason	House	R UT-3	33.3%	28	23	84	5	18	3%
11	Amodei, Mark	House	R NV-2	31.0%	26	22	84	4	18	3%
12	Murkowski, Lisa	Senate	R AK	29.2%	14	10	48	4	6	18%
13	Pearce, Steve	House	R NM-2	28.6%	24	22	84	2	20	5%
14	McClintock, Tom	House	R CA-4	28.6%	24	24	84	0	24	5%
15	Heller, Dean	Senate	R NV	25.0%	12	9	48	3	6	11%

Appendix 2: Anti-Public Lands Bills from the U.S. Senate, 2011-2016

Bill Number	Nickname	Sponsor	Date Introduced	Type	Description
S.3460	Local Monument Approval	Daines, Steve	9/29/2016	No More Parks, Monuments, Refuges	Strips the President's authority to designate national monuments.
S.3394	Weekends RS 2477 Rules	Flake, Jeff	9/15/2016	Private/State Control of Public Lands	Weekends the rules by which an "RS 2477" route can be designated a right-of-way thus turning unused or fraudulent paths on public lands into county highways.
S.3333	Mohave County BLM Land Sale	Flake, Jeff	9/15/2016	Land Seizure	Sells "not less than 6,000 acres" of certain BLM land in Mohave County, Arizona to pay down the federal deficit.
S.3317	No New Monuments in Utah	Lee, Mike	9/13/2016	No More Parks, Monuments, Refuges	Strips the President's authority to designate national monuments in Utah.
S.3254	Black Hills Land Giveaway	Thune, John	7/14/2016	Land Seizure	Trades away Native American sacred sites in the Black Hills National Forest of South Dakota to the state.
S.3204	Izembek Wildlife Refuge Giveaway	Murkowski, Lisa	7/13/2016	Land Seizure	Allows Alaska to build a road through the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge that would harm wildlife and habitat in this Wetland of international importance.
S.3203	Alaska Oil and Gas Over Public Land	Murkowski, Lisa	7/13/2016	Weakening Federal Protections	This bill generally favors oil and gas development and prevents conservation designations on federal land in Alaska.
S.3085	Weakening Forest Protections	Roberts, Pat	6/27/2016	Weakening Federal Protections	Elevates logging over conservation, allows clearcuts up to 8 square miles, limits public input, effectively blocks citizens from challenging illegal projects in court.
S.A. 3447 to S. 2012	No New Monuments Rider	Lee, Mike	6/27/2016	No More Parks, Monuments, Refuges	Strips the President's authority to designate national monuments.
S.A. 3023 to S. 2012	No New Monuments Rider	Lee, Mike	2/2/2016	No More Parks, Monuments, Refuges	Strips the President's authority to designate national monuments.
S.A. 3126 to S. 2012	No New Monuments Rider	Lee, Mike	1/28/2016	No More Parks, Monuments, Refuges	Strips the President's authority to designate national monuments.
S.A. 3022 to S.A. 2953 to S. 2012	No Permanent Re-authorization of LWCF	Lee, Mike	1/27/2016	Weakening Federal Protections	Strikes language permanently re-authorizing the Land and Water Conservation Fund.
Sec. 3003 of H.R. 3979	Okf Flat Land Trade Defense Rider	McCain, John	12/3/2015	Land Seizure	Reauthorizes the Land and Water Conservation Fund for only 10 years and adds a requirement that 60 percent of funds from the program go to states.
S. 2004	LWCF Emphasis on States	Barraso, John	11/19/2015	Private/State Control of Public Lands	Strips the President's authority to designate national monuments.
S. 1712	No New Monuments	Lee, Mike	8/6/2015	No More Parks, Monuments, Refuges	Increases the amount of national forest land that can be sold by raising the limit on land value of disjoint parcels.
S. 1416	Bigger "Small Tracts" Sales	Bennet, Michael	7/17/2015	Land Seizure	Increases the amount of national forest land that can be sold by raising the limit on land value of disjoint parcels.
S. 997	No Water for Monuments	Flake, Jeff	5/21/2015	No More Parks, Monuments, Refuges	Prohibits reservations of water rights for new national monuments, forcing monuments to obtain water rights through the state.
S. 937	State Management of Grazing	Hatch, Orrin	4/14/2015	Private/State Control of Public Lands	Allows States to enter into agreements with the Department of the Interior to take over the management of grazing permits and leases.
S.A. 838 to S. Con. Res. 11 ¹	Senate Encourages Land Disposal	Murkowski, Lisa	3/25/2015	Land Seizure	Puts the Senate on record as encouraging the disposal of most federal land.
S. 490	State Oil and Gas Control	James, Inhofe	2/12/2015	Private/State Control of Public Lands	Gives control of leasing, permitting and regulating oil and gas development on federal lands to the states.
S. 437	No New Monuments	Murkowski, Lisa	2/10/2015	No More Parks, Monuments, Refuges	Strips the President's authority to designate national monuments.
S. 361	Sale of Western Land	Lee, Mike	2/4/2015	Land Seizure	Forces the Secretary of the Interior to sell 3.2 million acres of public lands in 10 Western States identified by the BLM as suitable for sale.
S. 365	Escalante Monument Grazing Levels	Hatch, Orrin	2/4/2015	Weakening Federal Protections	Restricts the BLM by mandating the level of grazing that has to occur within Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument.
S.A. 176 to S.A. 2 to S. 1	No New Monuments, Keystone XL States	Daines, Steve	1/26/2015	No More Parks, Monuments, Refuges	Strips the President's authority to designate national monuments in states through which the Keystone XL pipeline or its associated facilities cross.
S. 232	No New Monuments in Nevada	Heller, Dean	1/22/2015	No More Parks, Monuments, Refuges	Strips the President's authority to designate national monuments in Nevada and prohibits the BLM from protecting wilderness characteristics in Nevada.
S.A. 132 to S.A. 2 to S. 1	No New Monuments, Keystone XL Rider	Daines, Steve	1/22/2015	No More Parks, Monuments, Refuges	Strips the President's authority to designate national monuments.
S.A. 271 to S.A. 2 to S. 1	Easier Applications for Permits to Drill	Lee, Mike	1/21/2015	Weakening Federal Protections	Makes it easier for oil and gas companies to obtain permits to drill.
S. 228	No New Monuments	Crapo, Mike	1/21/2015	No More Parks, Monuments, Refuges	Strips the President's authority to designate national monuments.
S. 193	No Roadless Rule in Wyoming	Barraso, John	1/20/2015	Weakening Federal Protections	Removes Roadless Rule protections from national forests in Wyoming.
S.A. 3456 to S. 2383	Border Patrol Free Reign	Flake, Jeff	7/31/2014	Weakening Federal Protections	Values environmental and other laws for Border Patrol activities on public lands within 100 miles of the U.S.-Mexico border.
S. 1966	50 Percent Limit on Federal Land in States	Cruz, Ted	7/8/2014	Land Seizure	Limits the amount of public lands within any one state to 50 percent. Land above that threshold must be given away to the state or sold at auction.
S. 1967	Logging Priority on forests	Barraso, John	1/28/2014	Weakening Federal Protections	Mandates logging levels for many forests; for some logging, values environmental laws and bars citizens from seeking redress in court for violations of the law.
S. 472	Remove Wilderness Management	Barraso, John	3/6/2013	Weakening Federal Protections	Takes away protections afforded to Wilderness Study Areas in Wyoming.
S. 339	Okf Flat Land Trade	McCain, John	2/7/2013	Land Seizure	Strips the President's authority to designate national monuments in Nevada.
S. 258	Weakenes Grazing Management	Barraso, John	2/7/2013	Weakening Federal Protections	Weakens regulations on grazing on federal land by making leases last for 20 years rather than 10 and excluding them from NEPA analysis.
S. 104	No New Monuments	Vitter, David	1/23/2013	No More Parks, Monuments, Refuges	Strips the President's authority to designate national monuments.
S. 2473	State Approval of Land Designations	Lee, Mike	4/26/2012	No More Parks, Monuments, Refuges	Prohibits designation of national forests, parks, wildlife refuges, wild and scenic rivers, trails and wildernesses absent state approval.
S. 1690	No More Uranium Withdrawal	McCain, John	10/12/2011	Weakening Federal Protections	Prohibits the administrative withdrawal from uranium mining of public land surrounding the Grand Canyon to protect water and communities.
S. 1524	No New Monuments in Nevada	Heller, Dean	9/14/2011	No More Parks, Monuments, Refuges	Strips the President's authority to designate national monuments in Nevada.
S. 1357	State Choice of 5 Percent of Public Lands	Hatch, Orrin	9/8/2011	Land Seizure	Allows Western States to select 5 percent of the federal mineral, oil, and/or gas land within their borders to be handed over to the State.
S. 1182	No Alaska Roadless Rule	Beghtol, Mark	7/13/2011	Weakening Federal Protections	Eliminates national forests in Alaska from the protections provided by the Roadless Area Conservation Rule.
S. 1087	No New Monuments in Utah	Hatch, Orrin	6/13/2011	No More Parks, Monuments, Refuges	Strips the President's authority to designate national monuments in Utah.
S. 1129	Remove Wilderness Management	Barraso, John	5/26/2011	Weakening Federal Protections	Takes away protections afforded to ten millions of acres of Wilderness Study Areas and inventoried Roadless Areas.
S. 1027	Weakenes Grazing Management	Barraso, John	5/19/2011	Weakening Federal Protections	Weakens regulations on grazing on federal land by making leases last for 20 years rather than 10 and excluding them from NEPA analysis.
S. 635	Oil and Gas Leasing Increase	Barraso, John	3/17/2011	Weakening Federal Protections	Expedites the federal oil and gas leasing process while giving states more power over the process.
S. 407	Sale of Western Land	Lee, Mike	3/17/2011	Land Seizure	Forces the Secretary of the Interior to sell 3.3 million acres of public lands in 10 Western States identified by the BLM as suitable for sale.
S. 407	No New Monuments	Crapo, Mike	2/17/2011	No More Parks, Monuments, Refuges	Strips the President's authority to designate national monuments.

¹ This language proceeded to pass into law

Appendix 3: Anti-Public Lands Bills from the U.S. House of Representatives, 2011-2016

Bill Number	Nickname	Sponsor	Date Introduced	Type	Description
H.R. 6180	Public Lands Giveaway to Utah County	Love, Mia	9/27/2016	Land Seizure	Allows the State of Utah to take certain BLM lands in Utah County for sale or lease.
H.R. 5780	Public Lands Initiative	Bishop, Rob	7/14/2016	Private/State Control of Public Lands	Promotes fossil fuel development, gives states/corporations control over millions of acres in exchange for loophole ridden conservation designations.
H.R. 5781	PU Antiquities Act Attack Companion	Bishop, Rob	7/14/2016	No More Parks, Monuments, Refuges	Strips the President's authority to designate national monuments in seven Utah counties.
H.R. 5836	Public Lands Sale for "Recreation"	Neen, Kristi	7/14/2016	Land Seizure	Accelerates the sale of public lands under the guise of supporting hunting, fishing and OHV travel, despite existing federal law that allow these activities.
H.R. 5777	Black Hills Land Giveaway	Young, Don	7/14/2016	Land Seizure	Trades away Native American sacred sites in the Black Hills National Forest of South Dakota to the state.
H.R. 5770	Zemke Wildlife Refuge Giveaway	Young, Don	7/13/2016	Land Seizure	Allows Alaska to build a road through the Zemke National Wildlife Refuge that would harm wildlife and habitat in this Wetland of International Importance.
H.R. 4909	No Wilderness Study in West Colorado	Triton, Scott	6/22/2016	Weaken Federal Protections	Removes wilderness protections for certain BLM Wilderness Study Areas in western Colorado.
Sec. 2864 of H.R. (2016)	Sage Grouse Defense Bill Rider	Bishop, Rob	4/12/2016	Weaken Federal Protections	Prohibits protection of Greater Sage Grouse under the ESA for 10 years in states that have management plans for the species, despite inadequate measures.
H.R. 4751	Vegetus Wildlife Refuge Giveaway	Charlter, Jason	3/29/2016	Land Seizure	Allows for the disposal of 3,100 acres of the Vegeus National Wildlife Refuge in Puerto Rico, which could then be opened up for private development.
H.R. 4729	End BLM/USFS Law Enforcement	Chapman, Rob	3/16/2016	Private/State Control of Public Lands	Takes away the power of the BLM and USFS to enforce federal law on federal lands. Instead, giving grants to states/tribes to enforce the law on those lands.
H.R. 4759	Sage Grouse is Not Endangered	Bishop, Rob	3/15/2016	Weaken Federal Protections	Prohibits protection of Greater Sage Grouse under the ESA for 10 years in states that have management plans for the species, despite inadequate measures.
H.R. 4313	Utah County Road Claims Giveaway	Stewart, Chris	2/12/2016	Private/State Control of Public Lands	Gives an estimated 6,000 miles of rights-of-way on federal land to three Utah counties, allowing for road construction and development.
H.R. 4132	Weakens RS 2477 Rules	Cook, Paul	1/15/2016	Private/State Control of Public Lands	Weakens the rules by which an "RS 2477" route can be designated a right-of-way thus turning unused or fraudulent paths on public lands into county highways.
H.R. (2015)	State Approval of Monuments	Podgour, Bruce	11/30/2015	No More Parks, Monuments, Refuges	Strips the President's authority to designate national monuments.
H.R. 3946	Limiting New Monuments	Gosar, Paul	11/5/2015	Weaken Federal Protections	Severely limits use of the funds for public land acquisition while diverting funds back to the oil and gas industry for drilling.
H.R. 3650	National Forest Giveaway for Logging	Young, Don	9/29/2015	No More Parks, Monuments, Refuges	Strips the President's authority to designate national monuments greater than 5,000 acres and prohibits designations in 18 Western counties.
H.R. 3560	Washington County OHV Giveaway	Young, Don	9/18/2015	Land Seizure	Forces the sale to states of up to 2 million acres of national forest lands of their choosing, primarily for logging.
H.R. 3478	New Mexico County WSA Release	Stewart, Chris	9/18/2015	Land Seizure	Forces the exchange of certain state and federal lands in Washington County, Utah and requires management primarily for off-highway vehicle use.
H.R. 2647	Timber Over Forest Conservation	Pearce, Steve	6/4/2015	Weaken Federal Protections	Removes BLM Wilderness Study Areas in Luna and Hidalgo Counties in New Mexico from interim wilderness protection.
H.R. 2644	Timber Over Forest Conservation	Western, Bruce	6/4/2015	Weaken Federal Protections	Elevates logging over conservation, allows clearcuts up to 8 square miles, limits public input, effectively blocks citizens from challenging illegal projects in court.
H.R. 2406	State Control Fisheries and Hunters	Zinke, Ryan	5/19/2015	Weaken Federal Protections	Effectively bans citizens from challenging illegal logging projects in the courts, limits analysis of less harmful projects, turns control to industry dominated panels.
H.R. 2316	Community Forest Demo Areas	Wittman, Rob	5/14/2015	Private/State Control of Public Lands	Giveaway to gun lobby disguised as sportsman's bill. Undermines laws like NEPA, ESA, Blocks regulations to stop poaching and trafficking of African elephants.
H.R. 2238	Local Monument Nullification	Labrador, Raul	5/12/2015	Private/State Control of Public Lands	Establishes "community forest demonstration areas" on national forests to be managed by industry dominated state advisory panels.
H.R. 1931	Logging Priority on Forests	McClornis Rodgers, Cathy	4/30/2015	No More Parks, Monuments, Refuges	Strips the President's authority to designate national monuments.
Sec. of H.R. 1735	Sale of 8 percent of BLM, USFS Land	Peo, Ted	4/22/2015	Land Seizure	Sets timber targets for national forests, undermines environmental laws and bans citizens from holding federal agencies accountable in a court of law.
H.R. 1592	State Management of Grazing	Bishop, Rob	4/22/2015	Weaken Federal Protections	Forces the sale of 8 percent of BLM and National Forest System land to individuals or corporations.
H.R. 1555	Local Control of Public Land Access	Stewart, Chris	4/14/2015	Private/State Control of Public Lands	Allows States to enter into agreements with the Department of the Interior to take over the management of grazing permits and leases.
H.R. 1484	Nevada Land Seizure	Walden, Greg	3/23/2015	Private/State Control of Public Lands	Gives local governments control over travel management decisions for off road vehicles made on USFS and BLM lands.
H.R. 1445	No Increase in Federal Lands	Walden, Greg	3/19/2015	Land Seizure	Directs the federal government to offer ownership of most USFS and BLM lands in Nevada to the state. Nevada then chooses the lands it would like to take.
H.R. 1214	Bigger "Small Tracts" Sales	Cescenti, Hearty	3/18/2015	Land Seizure	Prohibits acquisition of new federal land until the federal budget is balanced.
H.R. 866	State Oil and Gas Control	Amodeo, Mark	3/3/2015	Land Seizure	Increases the amount of national forest land that can be sold by raising the limit on land value of disjunct parcels.
H.R. 900	Local Monument Approval	Labrador, Raul	2/11/2015	Private/State Control of Public Lands	Gives control of leasing, permitting and regulating oil and gas development on federal lands to the states.
H.R. 743	Escalante Monument Grazing Levels	Labrador, Raul	2/11/2015	No More Parks, Monuments, Refuges	Strips the President's authority to designate national monuments.
H.R. 695	State Beetle Mill Logging Projects	Stewart, Chris	2/4/2015	Weaken Federal Protections	Restricts the BLM by mandating the level of grazing that has to occur within Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument.
H.R. 488	No New Monuments in Nevada	Triton, Scott	2/3/2015	Private/State Control of Public Lands	Allows governors, working with counties, to designate areas on federal public lands where fast-tracked logging/fuels reduction projects could occur.
H.R. 435	Sale of Western Land	Amodeo, Mark	1/22/2015	No More Parks, Monuments, Refuges	Strips the President's authority to designate national monuments in Nevada.
H.R. 332	No Marine Sanctuary Designation	Chapman, Rob	1/21/2015	Land Seizure	Forces the Secretary of the Interior to sell 3.3 million acres of public land in 10 Western states identified by the BLM as suitable for sale.
H.R. 330	No Monuments in Marine Ecoregion	Young, Don	1/13/2015	No More Parks, Monuments, Refuges	Takes away the Secretary of the Interior's power to designate national marine sanctuaries in the state of Alaska by requiring an act of Congress to do so.
H.R. 5598	BLM Road Authority Seizure	Gosar, Paul	9/18/2014	Private/State Control of Public Lands	Strips the President's authority to establish marine national monuments within 100 nautical miles from state shores.
H.R. 5389	No Marine Sanctuary Designation	Young, Don	7/31/2014	Private/State Control of Public Lands	Requires the BLM to gain approval from counties before taking actions that would change public access to public lands including for protecting natural resources.
H.R. 4988	Limiting New Marine Monuments	Rogers, Harold	7/29/2014	Weaken Federal Protections	Strips the Interior Secretary's authority to designate national marine sanctuaries in Alaska by requiring an act of Congress to do so.
H.R. 4423	No Increase in Public Land	Sutherland, Steve	6/26/2014	No More Parks, Monuments, Refuges	Validates environmental and other laws for Border Patrol activities on public lands within 100 miles of the U.S.-Mexico border.
H.R. 4272	Local Control of Public Land Access	Griffith, Morgan	4/8/2014	Land Seizure	Strips the President's authority to establish marine national monuments within 100 nautical miles from state shores.
H.R. 638	Limiting New Wildlife Refuges	Walden, Greg	2/13/2014	Private/State Control of Public Lands	Ensures that the amount of federal public land managed by the Department of the Interior or Department of Agriculture can never increase.
H.R. 3409	Wildlife Refuge Expansion Barriers	Fleming, John	10/30/2013	No More Parks, Monuments, Refuges	Gives local governments control over travel management decisions for off road vehicles made on USFS and BLM lands.
H.R. 3294	State Management of Federal Lands	Fincher, Stephen Lee	10/15/2013	No More Parks, Monuments, Refuges	Strips the Interior Secretary's authority to establish new national wildlife refuges.
H.R. 2657	Sale of Western Land	Young, Don	7/11/2013	Private/State Control of Public Lands	Allows states to petition for the management control of federal public lands. Federal taxpayers would still assume legal liabilities for the lands.
H.R. 2398	Border Patrol Free Region	Charlter, Jason	6/17/2013	Land Seizure	Forces the Secretary of the Interior to sell 3.3 million acres of public land in 10 Western states identified by the BLM as suitable for sale.
H.R. 2192	New Monument Nullification	Bishop, Rob	5/23/2013	Weaken Federal Protections	Validates environmental and other laws for Border Patrol activities on public lands within 100 miles of the U.S.-Mexico border.
H.R. 2095	BLM Land Disposal Database	Nunes, Devin	5/22/2013	No More Parks, Monuments, Refuges	Allows Congress to undo a national monument designation within two years of its designation by the President.
H.R. 1633	Sale to Adjuvant Landowners	Bishop, Rob	4/18/2013	Land Seizure	Prohibits the BLM from obtaining new land until the agency has developed a public database of lands under its administration that are suitable for disposal.
H.R. 1526	Logging Priority on Forests	Amodeo, Mark	4/12/2013	Land Seizure	Allows a holder of land in a place with more than 500 residents to request to purchase up to 160 acres of federal land adjacent to their property. Per year.
H.R. 1495	No New Monuments in Arizona	Hestberg, DDC	4/11/2013	Weaken Federal Protections	Mandates logging levels for many forests. For some logging, waives environmental laws and bans citizens from seeking redress in court for violations of the law.
H.R. 1512	No New Monuments in New Mexico	Gosar, Paul	4/11/2013	Weaken Federal Protections	Strips the President's authority to designate new national monuments in Arizona.
H.R. 1459	Barriers to New Monuments	Pearce, Steve	4/10/2013	No More Parks, Monuments, Refuges	Strips the President's authority to designate national monuments in New Mexico.
H.R. 1459	Barriers to New Monuments	Bishop, Rob	4/10/2013	No More Parks, Monuments, Refuges	Places arbitrary limits on the ability of a President to designate national monuments. Requires approval by Congress within 3 years.
H.R. 1434	No New Monuments in Idaho	Labrador, Raul	4/9/2013	No More Parks, Monuments, Refuges	Strips the President's authority to designate national monuments in Idaho.
H.R. 1294	Community Forest Demo Areas	Daines, Steve	4/9/2013	No More Parks, Monuments, Refuges	Strips the President's authority to designate national monuments in Montana.
H.R. 1017	Sell 8 Percent of BLM and USFS Land	Labrador, Raul	3/20/2013	Private/State Control of Public Lands	Allows state-selected advisory committees to manage "community forest demonstration areas" as large as 4 million acres on national forests.
H.R. 818	State Beetle Mill Timber Projects	Peo, Ted	3/6/2013	Land Seizure	Directs the Secretaries of Interior and Agriculture to sell 8 percent of BLM and USFS land to pay down the national deficit and debt.
H.R. 758 (2013)	No New Monuments in Utah	Triton, Scott	2/25/2013	Private/State Control of Public Lands	Allows governors, working with counties, to designate areas on federal public lands where expedited logging/fuels reduction projects could occur.
H.R. 687	Oak Flat Land Trade	Stewart, Chris	2/15/2013	No More Parks, Monuments, Refuges	Strips the President's authority to designate national monuments in Utah.
H.R. 657	Weakens Grazing Management	Gosar, Paul	2/14/2013	Land Seizure	Trades public land sacred to the San Carlos Apache to an international mining corporation.
H.R. 382	State Monument Approval	Labrador, Raul	1/23/2013	Weaken Federal Protections	Weakens regulations on grazing on federal land by making leases last for 20 years rather than 10 and excluding them from NEPA analysis.
H.R. 250	No New Monuments	Poxx, Virginia	1/15/2013	No More Parks, Monuments, Refuges	Strips the President's authority to designate national monuments.
H.R. 609	State Beetle Mill Timber Projects	Triton, Scott	7/9/2012	Private/State Control of Public Lands	Allows for Governors, working with counties, to designate areas on federal public lands where "emergency" logging/fuels reduction projects could occur.
H.R. 609	Community Forest Demo Areas	Labrador, Raul	6/21/2012	Private/State Control of Public Lands	Allows state-selected advisory committees to manage "community forest demonstration areas" as large as 4 million acres on national forests.

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Bill Number	Nickname	Sponsor	Date Introduced	Type	Description
H.R. 4234	Weakens Grazing Management	Labrador, Raul	3/21/2012	Weaken Federal Protections	Weakens regulations on grazing on federal land by making leases last for 20 years rather than 10 and excluding them from NEPA analysis.
H.R. 3155	No More Uranium Withdrawal	Franks, Trent	10/12/2011	Weaken Federal Protections	Prohibits the administrative withdrawal from uranium mining of public land surrounding the Grand Canyon to protect water and communities.
H.R. 3009	Wildlife Refuges by Act of Congress	Fleming, John	9/22/2011	No More Parks, Monuments, Refuges	Requires an act of congress to establish a new national wildlife refuge; strips the power of designation away from the Secretary of the Interior.
H.R. 2877	No New Monuments in Arizona	Gossar, Paul	9/9/2011	No More Parks, Monuments, Refuges	Strips the President of authority to designate new national monuments in Arizona.
H.R. 2852	State Choice of 5 Percent of Public Lands	Bishop, Rob	9/7/2011	Land Seizure	Allows Western States to select 5 percent of the federal mineral, oil, and/or gas land within their borders to be handed over to the State.
H.R. 2526	No Roadless Rule in Alaska	Young, Don	7/13/2011	Weaken Federal Protections	Exempts national forests in Alaska from the protections provided by the Roadless Area Conservation Rule.
H.R. 2147	No New Monuments in Utah	Bishop, Rob	6/13/2011	No More Parks, Monuments, Refuges	Strips the President's authority to designate national monuments in Utah.
H.R. 1904	Oak Flat Land Trade	Gossar, Paul	5/13/2011	Land Seizure	Trades public land sacred to the San Carlos Apache to an international mining corporation.
H.R. 1581	Remove Wilderness Management	McCarthy, Kevin	4/15/2011	Weaken Federal Protections	Takes away protections afforded to tens millions of acres of Wilderness Study Areas and inventoried Roadless Areas.
H.R. 1126	Sale of Western Land	Charlutz, Jason	3/16/2011	Land Seizure	Forces the Secretary of the Interior to sell 3.5 million acres of public lands in 10 Western States identified by the BLM as suitable for sale.
H.R. 846	No New Monuments in Idaho	Labrador, Raul	3/1/2011	No More Parks, Monuments, Refuges	Strips the President's authority to designate national monuments in Idaho.
H.R. 817	No New Monuments	Herge, Wally	2/18/2011	No More Parks, Monuments, Refuges	Strips the President's authority to designate national monuments.
H.R. 758 (2011)	No New Monuments	Nunes, Devin	2/17/2011	No More Parks, Monuments, Refuges	Strips the President's authority to designate national monuments.
H.R. 302	No New Monuments	Fox, Virginia	1/18/2011	No More Parks, Monuments, Refuges	Strips the President's authority to designate national monuments.