



Federal Legislative Activities - Week of May 4, 2015

The House is in recess this week. Please find a listing of federal legislative activities the County and our federal advocates are monitoring during the week of May 4, 2015, below.

Congressional Hearings and Floor Activity

Tuesday, May 5th

10:00 | Senate Commerce Committee Hearing: Surface transportation reauthorization, focusing on the importance of a long term reauthorization. This is part of an ongoing series of hearings on the reauthorization of highway safety programs under the Committee's jurisdiction, this hearing will focus on the importance of a long-term surface transportation reauthorization. Witnesses will testify to the local and state impacts of national surface transportation policy and the need for a long-term reauthorization bill. Click [here](#) to view the webcast live.

10:00 | Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee Hearing: Federal government's role in wildfire management, the impact of fires on communities, and potential improvements to be made in fire operations. The Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee will hold a hearing to receive testimony on the Federal government's role in wildfire management, the impact of fires on communities, and potential improvements to be made in fire operations. Click [here](#) to view the webcast live.

10:00 | Senate EPW Subcommittee Hearing: Legal implications of the Clean Power Plan. The hearing will examine the legal issues surrounding EPA's carbon regulations. Click [here](#) to view the webcast live.

Wednesday, May 6th

9:30 | Senate EPW Hearing: Proposed budget estimates for FY16 for the Fish and Wildlife Service and the following bills, Click [here](#) to view the webcast live,:

[S.1036](#), to require the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to provide certain Western States assistance in the development of statewide conservation and management plans or the protection and recovery of sage-grouse species

[S.855](#), to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to permit Governors of States to regulate intrastate endangered species and intrastate threatened species

[S.736](#), to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require disclosure to States of the basis of determinations under such Act, to ensure use of information provided by State, tribal, and county governments in decision making under such Act

[S.468](#), to provide a categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 to allow the Director of the Bureau of Land Management and the Chief of the Forest Service to remove Pinyon-Juniper trees to conserve and restore the habitat of the greater sage-grouse and the mule deer

[S.293](#), to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to establish a procedure for approval of certain settlements

[S.292](#), to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require publication on the Internet of the basis for determinations that species are endangered species or threatened species

[S.112](#), to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require the Secretary of the Interior to publish and make available for public comment a draft economic analysis at the time a proposed rule to designate critical habitat is published

[S.1081](#), to end the use of body-gripping traps in the National Wildlife Refuge System

10:00 | Senate HELP Committee Hearing: Reauthorizing Higher Education Act, focusing on the role of consumer information in college choice.

2:00 | Senate Special Committee on Aging Hearing. Aging in Place: Can Advances in Technology Help Seniors Live Independently?

Thursday, May 7th

10:00 | Senate Appropriations Labor, Health and Human Services. Hearing on rural health. Click [here](#) to view the webcast live.

10:00 | Senate Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee Hearing: Child nutrition programs. The Committee will hold a hearing to review child nutrition programs.

10:30 | Senate Appropriations CJS Subcommittee Hearing: Proposed FY16 budget estimates for the Department of Justice. Click [here](#) to view the webcast live.