

**Opening Statement  
Ranking Member Grijalva  
Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands  
Legislative Hearing  
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**I would like to welcome our colleagues to today's hearing, along with the other witnesses who will be testifying – we appreciate your time and effort to be here.**

**In particular, let me welcome the Ranking Member of the Appropriations Committee – we look forward to learning more about the needs of the Quileute [Quill-ee-oot] Tribe in your district.**

**While there are some concerns which will need to be addressed regarding several of the measures before us today, it is my hope that these bills can move forward quickly.**

**I would note that, as with many of the bills identified as priorities by Chairman Hastings in the previous Congress, I was pleased to work with him to secure House passage of both bills dealing with North Cascades National Park and look forward to continuing to work cooperatively on those measures. I yield back.**