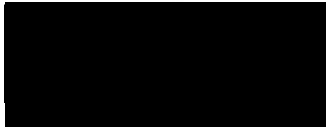


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U.S. House of Representatives
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1. Your Name: Christopher Topik		
2. Your Title: Director, Restoring America's Forests		
3. The Entity(ies) You are Representing: The Nature Conservancy		
4. Are you testifying on behalf of the Federal, or a State or local government entity?	Yes	xNo
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CHRISTOPHER TOPIK, PH.D. *The Nature Conservancy, Director, Restoring America's Forests*

Chris began working at The Nature Conservancy (TNC) in 2011 as the senior conservation director for Restoring America's Forests, the Conservancy's priority effort to help restore forest health and improve ecological management of America's federal forests. The TNC Restoring America's Forests program strives to enhance active forest management based on science and collaboration. This effort reduces wildfire risk, increases watershed and wildlife values, and enhances economic and social benefits of America's forests. Chris is responsible for directing and coordinating efforts of the Conservancy's chapters, leading a set of large-scale collaborative restoration projects around the Nation, and integrating TNC's Fire Learning Network and Forest Health Protection programs into this integrated effort. This involves program and policy leadership for 13 key collaborative forest restoration projects in portions of 23 states. He provides communications and science-based program oversight, as well as policy and coalition building efforts, and is frequently called on as a national expert by the media and Congress.

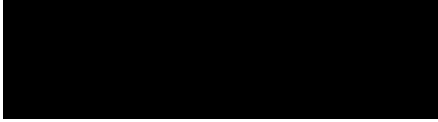
Previously, Chris worked for 15 years as professional staff for the US House of Representatives, Committee on Appropriations where he wrote appropriations law and provided oversight of several federal land management, science, and cultural agencies, including the USDA Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the US Geological Survey, the Smithsonian Institution, the Minerals Management Service and its successors, the National Endowments for the Arts and the Humanities, and others. During this period he worked for both Republican and Democratic majority chairman and he had lead responsibilities for numerous natural resource policies and programs, including energy programs at the BLM and MMS, and forestry programs, such as the national fire plan, the legacy road and trail remediation program, the joint fire science program and the forest legacy program. When he left the Committee in 2011 he was the Democratic staff director for the Interior, Environment and Related Agencies Appropriations Subcommittee.

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