

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES
113th Congress Disclosure Form
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the Rules of the Committee on Natural Resources

Committee on Natural Resources
Oversight Field Hearing on: *“The Northern Long Eared Bat: The Federal Endangered Species Act and*
Impacts of a Listing on Pennsylvania and 37 Other States”
September 8, 2014

For Individuals:

1. Name:

2. Address:

3. Email Address:

4. Phone Number:

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For Witnesses Representing Organizations:

1. Name:
Mollie Matteson

2. Name of Organization(s) You are Representing at the Hearing:

Center for Biological Diversity

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For all Witnesses

Name/Organization: Mollie Matteson/Center for Biological Diversity

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a. Any training or educational certificates, diplomas or degrees or other educational experiences that are relevant to your qualifications to testify on or knowledge of the subject matter of the hearing.

BA, Zoology, Univ. of Montana, High Honors, 1986

MS Wildlife Biology, Univ. of Montana, 1993

Thesis: Denning ecology of wolves in northwest Montana and southern Canadian Rockies

b. Any professional licenses, certifications, or affiliations held that are relevant to your qualifications to testify on or knowledge of the subject matter of the hearing.

None

c. Any employment, occupation, ownership in a firm or business, or work-related experiences that relate to your qualifications to testify on or knowledge of the subject matter of the hearing.

Senior scientist, Center for Biological Diversity, 2007-present

Authored ESA listing petitions for the eastern small-footed bat and northern long-eared bat; Bicknell's thrush; and Heller Cave springtail

Deputy director, Forest Watch, 2002-2007

New England public lands, wilderness, endangered species including Indiana bat

Wolf education campaign manager, Defenders of Wildlife, 1992 and 1993

Yellowstone National Park, before gray wolf reintroduction in 1995

d. Any federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) from the Department of the Interior or United States Department of Agriculture that you have received in the current year and previous four years, including the source and the amount of each grant or contract.

None

e. A list of all lawsuits or petitions filed by you against the federal government in the current year and the previous four years, giving the name of the lawsuit or petition, the subject matter of the lawsuit or petition, and the federal statutes under which the lawsuits or petitions were filed.

None

f. A list of all federal lawsuits filed against you by the federal government in the current year and the previous four years, giving the name of the lawsuit, the subject matter of the lawsuit, and the federal statutes under

which the lawsuits were filed.

None

g. Any other information you wish to convey that might aid the Members of the Committee to better understand the context of your testimony.

None

Witnesses Representing Organizations

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h. Any offices, elected positions, or representational capacity held in the organization(s) on whose behalf you are testifying.

Senior scientist, Center for Biological Diversity

i. Any federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) from the Department of the Interior or United States Department of Agriculture that were received in the current year and previous four years by the organization(s) you represent at this hearing, including the source and amount of each grant or contract for each of the organization(s).

None

j. A list of all lawsuits or petitions filed by the organization(s) you represent at the hearing against the federal government in the current year and the previous four years, giving the name of the lawsuit or petition, the subject matter of the lawsuit or petition, and the federal statutes under which the lawsuits or petitions were filed for each of the organization(s).

Over the past five years, the Center has filed on average about 42 lawsuits a year. A significant portion of these (about 28%) are not federal cases, while about 5% of the remainder involve intervention to defend federal agency actions from industry lawsuits. About 56% of the federal cases are brought under the Endangered Species Act, while the remainder include claims under the National Environmental Policy Act, Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, Freedom of Information Act, National Forest Management Act, and quite a few other federal laws.

Recent federal cases include:

- a suit challenging EPA’s approval of lax water quality standards for Kentucky that are inadequate to protect endangered aquatic wildlife
- a suit against the Coast Guard and EPA based on their failure to update oil spill plans to respond to the massive increase in crude oil transported along the Hudson River
- a suit to protect endangered loggerhead sea turtles from drift gillnets off southern California
- a suit challenging the massive expansion of off-road vehicle trails in Florida’s Big Cypress National Preserve
- a suit to compel the Fish and Wildlife Service to develop a plan to promote the recovery of the critically endangered mountain yellow-legged frog

k. A list of all federal lawsuits filed against the organization(s) you represent at the hearing by the federal

government in the current year and the previous four years, giving the name of the lawsuit, the subject matter of the lawsuit, and the federal statutes under which the lawsuits were filed.

1. For tax-exempt organizations and non-profit organizations, copies of the three most recent public IRS Form 990s (including Form 990-PF, Form 990-N, and Form 990-EZ) for each of the organization(s) you represent at the hearing (not including any contributor names and addresses or any information withheld from public inspection by the Secretary of the Treasury under 26 U.S.C. 6104)).

See separate, attached forms.