

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES
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Testimony on H.R. 1825
"Recreational Fishing and Hunting Heritage And Opportunities Act"

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For Witnesses Representing Organizations:

1. Name: Melissa Simpson, Director of Government Affairs
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Name/Organization Melissa Simpson / Safari Club International
Title/Date of Hearing Legislative Hearing on H.R. 1825, H.R. 586, H.R. 995 and H.R. 1411
Thursday, May 9, 2013 10:00 AM
Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation

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.

Juris Doctor

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.

Director of Government Affairs, Safari Club International
Board member, Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation
Professional member, Boone and Crockett Club

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.

2005-2009: Special Assistant; Deputy Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment (Forestry), U.S. Department of Agriculture

2005-2003: Counselor to Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management; Deputy Director of External Affairs, Department of the Interior

2001-2003: Legislative Assistant for Natural Resources, Congressman Scott McInnis (CO-3rd, ret.)

Issue Expertise – The North American Model of Conservation; American Wildlife Conservation Partners (AWCP) Wildlife for the 21st Century recommendations; Sporting Conservation Council (SCC) white papers on Hunting Heritage and Wildlife Conservation; development of the Recreational Hunting and Wildlife Conservation Plan and Executive Order 13443: Facilitation of Hunting Heritage and Wildlife Conservation. Local, regional and national issues impacting sportsmen: LWCF, access, recruitment and retention, energy development, development and implementation of the Healthy Forests Restoration Act 2003. Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation board member; Boone and Crockett Club professional member; Council to Advance Hunting and the Shooting Sports board member; Vice Chair of the American Wildlife Conservation Partners.

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

N/A

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.

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

Throughout my career, I have been a champion of sportsmen's issues. During the Bush Administration, I served as a liaison to the sportsmen's community at DOI and USDA, focusing on facilitating relationships for sportsmen with the BLM and USFS and integrating sportsmen's issues into agency decision making.

I initiated and organized the first-ever conference between DOI and AWCP to advance Wildlife for the 21st Century policy recommendations to the Administration. I conducted issue policy sessions with high-level Administration officials, the Interior Secretary, DOI Counsel and AWCP Executives, and created the charter for the Sporting Conservation Council (SCC), a federal advisory committee for the hunting community. I spearheaded BLM and USFS participation at the North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conferences and the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies oil and gas subcommittee; created energy liaison position for better communication with sportsmen's community; created an MOU with the Western Governors Association, DOI and USDA to create consistent mapping strategies for wildlife corridors. Additionally, I was a lead in the development of the White House Conference on North American Wildlife Policy, as directed by Executive Order 13443, which resulted in a ten year Recreational Hunting and Wildlife Conservation Plan. The ten year plan has been adopted by the Obama Administration in the charter for the current sportsmen's federal advisory committee, the Wildlife Hunting Heritage Conservation Council.

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In addition, for witnesses representing organizations:

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

N/A

h. Any federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) from the *Department of the Interior (and /or other agencies invited)* 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).

N/A

i. 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).

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j. A list of any countries from which the organization(s) you represent at the hearing have received foreign donations and the total amount of donations received from each country, for the current year and the previous four years, by each organization.

N/A

k. 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)).