

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES
118th Congress Disclosure Form
As required by and provided for in House Rule XI, clause 2(g)(5)

Subcommittee on Federal Lands Legislative hearing on:

- H.R. 200 (Rep. Rosendale), “*Forest Information Reform (FIR) Act*”;
- H.R. 1473 (Rep. Peters), “*Targeting and Offsetting Existing Illegal Contaminants Act*”;
- H.R. 1567 (Rep. Tiffany), “*Accurately Counting Risk Elimination Solutions (ACRES) Act*”; and
- H.R. 1586 (Rep. LaMalfa), “*Forest Protection and Wildland Firefighter Safety Act of 2023*”

March 23, 2023

For Individuals:

Name:

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Email Address:

Phone Number:

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For Witnesses Representing Organizations:

Name: Steve Ellis

Name of Organization(s) You are Representing at the Hearing: National Association of Forest Service Retirees

Business Address: [REDACTED]

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Business Phone Number: [REDACTED]

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For Nongovernment Witnesses ONLY:

1. Please attach/include current curriculum vitae or resume.

Steve Ellis is Chair of the *National Association of Forest Service Retirees*. He began his 38-year federal career in the 1970s on the Shawnee National Forest in southern Illinois, where he also worked with the North Central Forest Experiment Station on fine hardwoods genetics projects. Steve worked for both the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management during his almost four decades of federal service. His natural resources career has taken him to duty stations in Illinois, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, and Alaska, as well as two tours in Washington DC. During his first DC tour, he served 14 months as a Legislative Fellow in the US Senate. Steve retired in December 2016 from the top career position in BLM (Deputy Director, Operations).

Steve has extensive field line officer, as well as wildfire experience (once carded as Incident Commander Type 3). He was part of contingent that spent time in both Australia and South Africa examining and discussing bushfire management challenges. He presented papers at two international wildfire symposiums during his career.

Steve holds a B.S. in Forestry from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale as well as a M.S. in Geographic and Atmospheric Science from Northern Illinois University where he taught undergraduate atmospheric science for two years. Since retirement, Steve also served as president of the Pacific Northwest Forest Service Association. He is a member of the Society of American Foresters.

Steve and his wife Linda, a retired family nurse practitioner, were high school sweethearts. They raised three children and are “Gold Star” parents. Their daughter Jessica, a highly decorated combat medic with the 101st Airborne Division and former wildland firefighter with the US Forest Service, was killed in action in the Iraq war. They have five grandchildren and make their home on wooded acreage in rural Clackamas County, Oregon.

2. Please list any federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) related to the subject matter of the hearing that were received in the current year and previous two calendar years by you or the organization(s) you represent at this hearing, including the source and amount of each grant or contract.

None.

3. Please list any contracts or payments originating with a foreign government related to the subject matter of the hearing that were received in the current year and previous two calendar years by you or the organization(s) you represent at this hearing, including the amount and country of origin of each contract or payment.

None.

4. Please disclose whether you are a fiduciary (including, but not limited to, a director, officer, advisor, or resident agent) of any organization or entity that has an interest in the subject matter of the hearing.

I am not a fiduciary. I am Chair of the National Association of Retirees.

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5. Please list any current or pending litigation against the Federal government to which you or your organization is a party. Please disclose as applicable case name, docket number, the court, and subject matter of the litigation.

None.