

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES
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House Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife and Fisheries

“The National Wildlife Refuge System at Risk: Impacts of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s Proposed BIDEH Rule”

For Individuals:

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For Witnesses Representing Organizations:

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For Nongovernment Witnesses ONLY:

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

Attached separately

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.

N/A

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.

N/A

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.

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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.

1. Gwich'in Steering Committee et al. v. Bernhardt et al., No. 3:20-cv-00204-JWS (D. Alaska), (challenging oil and gas leasing program on the Coastal Plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge). The case has been stayed since February 2021 at the request of the DOI so that it could prepare a Supplemental EIS; Interior now expects to issue the final SEIS in the second quarter of this year and the new decision in the third quarter.

Please note: although the Subcommittee did not ask for litigation in support of the federal government, the Association has intervened as a co-defendant in support of the DOI in Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority v. U.S. Department of the Interior et al., No. 3:24-cv-00051-SLG (D. Alaska), in which AIDEA is challenging the authority of the administration to cancel leases for oil and gas exploration on the Coastal Plain.

2. Defenders of Wildlife et al. v. U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service et al., No. 1:19-cv-00746 (D.D.C.)(challenging the FWS's continued winter feeding of elk and bison on the National Elk Refuge, causing them to crowd together as Chronic Wasting Disease approaches). The case is now stayed at the FWS's request while it prepares a new EIS, expected in July 2025, and subsequent ROD.

3. National Wildlife Refuge Ass'n et al. v. Rural Utilities Service et al., No. 24-cv-139-wmc (W.D. WI) (challenging actions by federal agencies allowing private developers to run an expanded powerline through the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge).

4. National Wildlife Refuge Ass'n et al. v. Haaland et al., No.: 1:23-cv-02203-BAH (challenging FWS's exemption of Canaan Valley NWR from its proposed rule banning lead shot). This case has been stayed through May 31, 2024, at the request of the FWS, which is planning to propose a phase-out of lead shot throughout the Refuge).