

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

**Legislative Hearing on H.R. 6352, H.R. 8413, H.R. 8632 & H.R. 8836**  
**September 10, 2024**

**For Individuals:**

Name:  
 Address:  
 Email Address:  
 Phone Number:

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**For Witnesses Representing Organizations:**

Name: Michael Leahy  
 Name of Organization(s) You are Representing at the Hearing: National Wildlife Federation  
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**For Nongovernment Witnesses ONLY:**

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

Attached.

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.

<b>Funder</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Award Date</b>	<b>Award Amount</b>
BLM	Modifying at least 20 miles of fences to wildlife friendly standards on BLM lands and adjacent private lands	Awarded 12/20/23	\$249,633

	to improve big game movement in the High Divide headwaters.		
NFWF - Big Game Migration	To support NWF's work to modify or remove 40 miles of fencing on private, BLM, and USFS boundaries to facilitate big game movement.	Awarded 3/9/23	\$403,937.31
NFWF - Rangeland	To support a three-year pilot project in partnership with the McFarland-White Ranch, a beef cattle ranch in central Montana, to test the feasibility and benefits of virtual fencing on innovations in grazing management and enhanced wildlife habitat.	Awarded 3/26/24	\$412,777.95

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.

I am Conservation Education Committee Co-Chair for the Maryland Division of the Izaak Walton League of America, which has an interest in conservation issues generally, including the allocation of taxes on hunting and shooting equipment.

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.

- NWF v. NMFS, Docket No: 01-cv-00640, US District Court for the District of Oregon. Subject matter: Columbia River salmon recovery under the ESA.
- CBD & NWF v. EPA, Federal Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, 23-1177, challenging the legality of the Renewable Fuel Standard under multiple statutes.
- NWF. NRCS, US District Court for the District of Columbia, 19-cv-02416. Subject matter: Wetlands mapping.
- NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION, INC., et al., Plaintiffs, v. U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, 17-772 (JDB), US District Court for Northern Georgia, a suit against the Corps over the management of the Apalachicola and Chattahoochee Rivers that has been appealed to the 11<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals.
- Montana Wildlife Federation et al. v. Department of the Interior, Case No. 22-35549, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. NWF and others are challenging the BLM's issuance of oil and gas leases as inconsistent with Greater sage-grouse resource management plans.
- Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority v. Department of the Interior, Case No.: 3:24-CV-00051-SLG, United States District Court for the District of Alaska. A coalition of groups, including NWF, have intervened to defend the federal government's cancellation of oil and gas leases in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.
- Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority v. Joseph R. Biden, Jr., Case No.: 3:21-cv-00245-SLG, United States District Court for the District of Alaska. A coalition of groups, including NWF, have intervened to defend the federal government's suspension of oil and gas leases issued in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.
- Organized Village of Kake et al., v. Thomas Vilsack, Case No. 1:20-cv-00011-SLG, United States District Court for the District of Alaska. Challenging the U.S. Forest Service for exempting 9 million acres of the Tongass National Forest from roadless rule protections.