



GOSAR ON THE GO: 7,000 Miles in the District in August

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Dear Friend,

What a recess it's been. I put close to 7,000 miles on my car traveling the District, visiting with constituents and listening to their concerns. Although it's a challenge to cover a 58,000 square mile district, it is a journey I enjoy. I managed to visit over a dozen different areas in the district. Below are some of the highlights of my travels.

See a map with some of the areas that I visited during August – if the pinpoints do not show, click the city on the left and it will appear on the map

I held a joint town hall in Eagar, Arizona with New Mexico's Congressman Steve Pearce. This was an important and lively town hall to discuss the Wallow Fire and its aftermath. Nearly four hundred residents from eastern Arizona and western New Mexico offered their ideas and expressed their frustrations with federal forest policies. We discussed—and I am proud to be the original sponsor of—[H.R. 2562](#), the Wallow Fire Recovery and Monitoring Act. The reason this act is necessary is that there is a short window of time that trees can be harvested for commercial purposes after a fire. Our environmental laws can be abused to delay harvesting for years, thus making the lumber worthless. This pushes for an expedited but sound environmental process for the removal of hazardous, dead, and dying trees in the areas affected by the Wallow Fire. I also touched on a long-term forest health solution in the works, the [Four Forest Restoration Initiative \(4-FRI\)](#). The 4-FRI proposal calls for the Forest Service to partner with private industry to restore our forests, ultimately reducing damaging wildfire impacts while providing forest jobs, markets for wood products, and ecological restoration. It was a pleasure working with Congressman Pearce on this.

[*Read my statement on legislation I introduced regarding the Wallow Fire*](#)

[*Read more about my advocacy for the Four Forest Restoration Initiative \(4FRI\) and other federal forest health policies*](#)

While in Globe-Miami, constituents, business leaders, and elected officials from both sides of the aisle joined me in several meetings. I am pleased to tell you we have broad support for [H.R. 1904](#), the Southeast Arizona Land Exchange and Conservation Act of 2011, which is moving swiftly through the House. ***This legislation, which I sponsored, means over 3,700 Arizona jobs at no cost to the American taxpayer.*** Everyone from the President down says we need jobs and this is a real private sector jobs bill. I am looking forward to the President signing this bill.

[*View my press release on the latest status of H.R. 1904*](#)

What a pleasure it was to meet the 200-plus employees from the [Springerville Generating Station](#) and to see the First Solar System, which is part of a state-of-the-art renewable energy system. Our district can be a national model for energy driven economic recovery. I and my colleagues on the House Committee on Natural Resources are committed to an all-the-above energy strategy which includes the responsible development of alternative energy sources such as wind, solar, hydropower, and biomass. Solar development can create jobs and diversify our state's energy portfolio.

My tour of the district also included a visit to Winslow, where I attended and spoke at the Winslow City Council Meeting. Additionally, I met with business leaders in Prescott, held an open town hall in Prescott Valley, and met with city officials in Safford. While in Flagstaff, I met with the Flagstaff Chamber of Commerce, the City of Flagstaff, Coconino County officials, and with a wide variety of constituents during open office hours in my Flagstaff office. We discussed growing the local economy, infrastructure needs, forest health, and the current Schultz Fire efforts. Coconino County and the City of Flagstaff have been encouraged by the action and help they have received from the Forest Service since I brought Chief Tidwell to visit the affected area.

View pictures from my travels around Arizona's First Congressional District on my social media page located on my website

I am honored to serve as your Member of Congress. By listening to your concerns and talking about common sense solutions, together we can make Arizona's First Congressional District a thriving community and great place to work and live. I encourage you to contact me about issues that are important to you, and I hope to meet you in person during my future travels throughout our district.

As always, you can follow everything I am working on in Washington through my website (<http://gosar.house.gov>) or through my Facebook page at [Paul Gosar on Facebook](#).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul A. Gosar, D.D.S." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Paul A. Gosar, D.D.S.
Member of Congress

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