



**COMMENT PERIOD FOR PROPOSED LAKE HAVASU BOATING
RESTRICTIONS ENDS MONDAY JUNE 13TH COB**



I have been fighting misguided boating restrictions on Lake Havasu from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for over a year now. On May 20, 2015, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service arbitrarily expanded a no wake zone on Lake Havasu, effectively prohibiting tubing, waterskiing and wake boarding in an area utilized by recreational enthusiasts for decades.

Unfortunately, the Service is back at it less than a year later threatening to close even more areas on Lake Havasu to motorized boating activities. On April 12, 2016, the Service announced [a draft recreational boating compatibility determination \(CD\)](#) and the agency's intent to pursue even more boating restrictions. Once again, these proposed closures are based on a radical agenda, not science or need.

The CD aims to close significant portions of Lake Havasu to recreational boating activities and prevent waterskiing, tubing, wake boarding, fishing and other recreational towed devices within the 4,000-acre man-made Topock Marsh and on an additional 520 acres on Lake Havasu. Motorized boating is already restricted by the Service on 17 ½ miles within the Refuge.

According to the Service, "the majority of recreational boating use occurs between Memorial Day and Labor Day." The agency further estimates that 50,000 people visit the lake during Memorial Day weekend alone. According to a 2008 report from the Arizona Office of Tourism, almost 75% of tourists to Lake Havasu are interested in waterskiing, wakeboarding and boating during their visit. These visitors contribute over \$200 million and almost 4,000 full-time equivalent jobs to the local economy.

I have been leading the charge to keep Lake Havasu open for all users and [on May 2nd, I joined more than 1,000 concerned citizens](#) in opposition to the CD and these arbitrary boating restrictions at a public meeting in Lake Havasu City.

If the Service were really listening to the people it would drop this terrible proposal that aims to close more areas to wake boarding, tubing and waterskiing. Don't forget to get your comments in by close of business, TOMORROW, JUNE 13th and oppose the flawed draft recreational boating compatibility determination.

Email your comments here: **Havasus_Boating_Comments@fws.gov**

Written comments may also be sent to:

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Havasus National Wildlife Refuge
Attn: Draft Recreational Boating CD
317 Mesquite Avenue
Needles, CA 92363

MUST WATCH VIDEO: Alex Jubb is one of the 3 million people who visit Lake Havasu every year. However, due to arbitrary and unjustified boating restrictions unilaterally enacted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Alex and countless other families are being forced out of safe areas on Lake Havasu and into higher traffic areas.

Please, SHARE [this video](#) made by Alex (below), and make your voice heard by submitting comments opposing the arbitrary boating restrictions.



MY MISSION: CHANGING THE SPENDING CULTURE IN D.C.

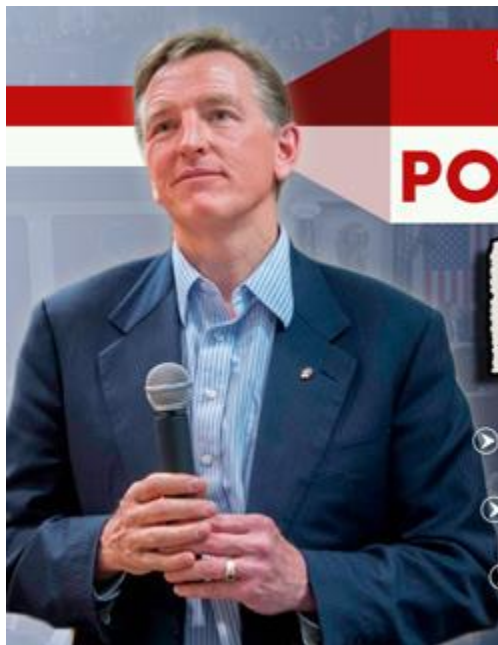
Eliminating waste, fraud and abuse from our federal budget requires fundamentally

changing the culture of Washington D.C. I'm leading the charge to re-evaluate how every single dollar is spent by utilizing the power of the purse.

If something is not necessary or constitutional...hit the road Jack. This is the only way we are going to rescue our nation from drowning in our \$19 trillion debt.

Last Friday, I passed two amendments and one other legislative provision that saved taxpayers millions of dollars. And while this figure may seem small, if all 435 members in the House would follow my lead, it would make a big difference.

That is my mission and I will not back down. Click [HERE](#) to learn more.



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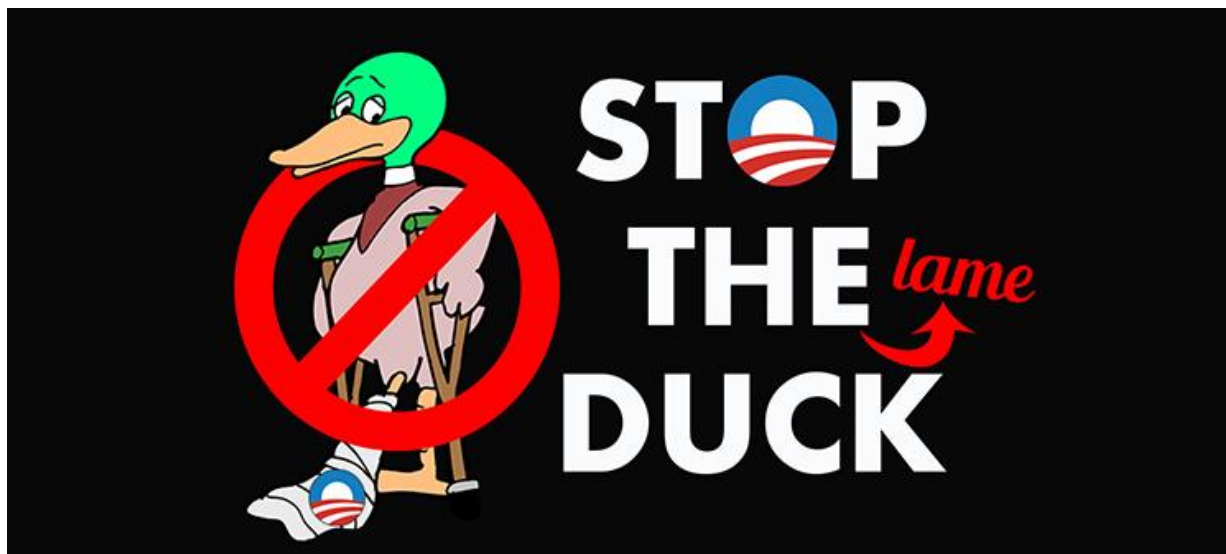
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DON'T ALLOW BAD POLICY IN LAME DUCK CONGRESS



Congress has a long and storied history of cramming through bad policy during the lame duck period while outgoing lawmakers are still around to vote and before newly-elected lawmakers assume office. These periods are often characterized by arm-twisting and backroom deals.

In the past, the lame duck has been utilized by leadership on both sides of the aisle to wrangle votes for widely unpopular bills in exchange for favors ranging from paying off campaign debts to help in future races

During the 2010 lame duck, more pieces of substantive legislation were [forced through](#) in the month of December, before Republicans assumed control of the House, than during the eight months prior. Such abuse is a complete affront to our Constitutional Republic.

Last month, more than 75 conservative organizations sent a [letter](#) raising similar concerns and requesting that there be no “lame duck” session at the end of the year. However, this shouldn’t be a Democrat v. Republican issue — both parties are guilty of using the lame duck period to push through unpopular pet projects that voters have expressly opposed.

I call on Republican Leadership not to allow any controversial or important policy items to be voted on during the lame duck and to get the substantive work of the American people done before the November elections.

Click [HERE](#) to read my full op-ed about stopping another lame duck Congress.

UPDATE: TENDERFOOT and JUNIPER FIRES



This weekend, I am thankful for the firefighters and first responders who are battling the Tenderfoot Fire in Yarnell and the Juniper Fire in the Tonto National Forest.

TENDERFOOT UPDATE (As of Sunday, June 12th at 7:00 AM):

More than 300 residents from Yarnell and Peeples Valley were forced to evacuate as a result of the Tenderfoot Fire. Evacuees have been allowed to return home and the fire is currently 30% contained. The fire has burned more than 4,000 acres. More than 250,000 gallons of water and 250,000 gallons of fire retardant have already been used to combat this wildfire. Investigators have stated that they believe the fire was human caused.

A community meeting is being held today at 4 PM at the Community Presbyterian Church, 16455 Table Top Way in Yarnell.

JUNIPER UPDATE (As of Sunday, June 12th at 12:39 PM):

The Juniper Fire started from lightening. The fire has burned more than 30,000 acres and is currently 30% contained. Much progress was made last night as a result of rain and this fire is currently under control.

Check back at the below websites for the latest news on these wildfires:

For both fires: [Arizona Wildfire News](http://ArizonaWildfireNews)

For the Tenderfoot Fire: inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4774 or facebook.com/tenderfootfire



Had a great conversation about the latest updates from Capitol Hill with folks from Buckeye, AZ on Monday night at my townhall meeting.



I love when parents bring their kids to these events. It is vital that we teach our children to be engaged with their elected leaders. That is the only way to hold our government accountable to **WE THE PEOPLE**.

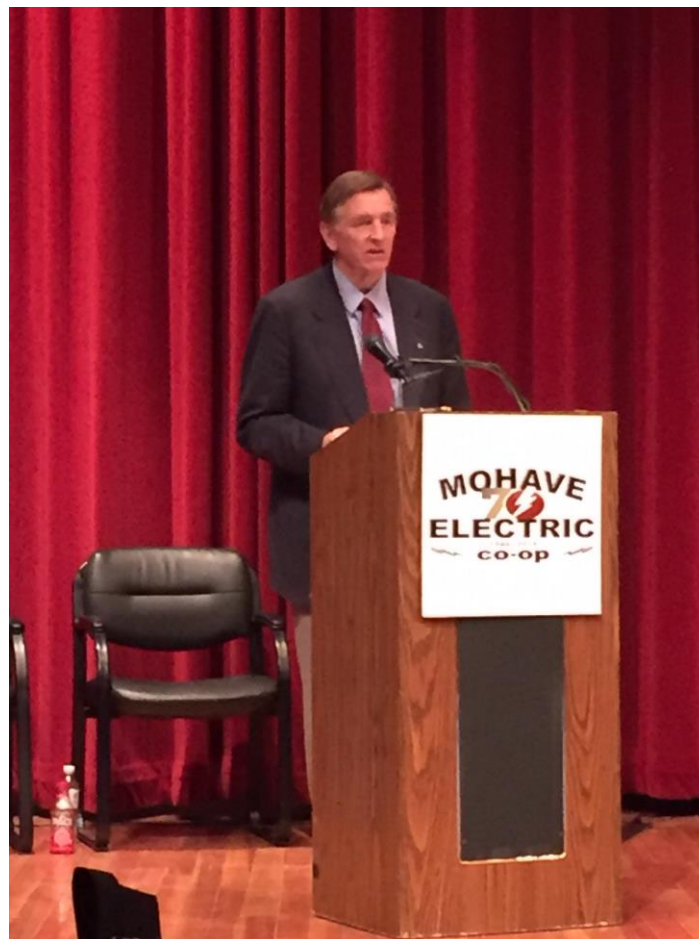


Big thanks to the great crowd in Florence on Monday morning who came out for my Congress, Cops and Coffee at the Mount Athos Restaurant and Cafe. We have some incredible law enforcement officers who took time out of their day to speak with local residents about important issues in our community.





It was my great pleasure to join the Mohave Electric Cooperative in celebrating their 70th anniversary this past Friday night.



I'm proud to work alongside great leaders like Tyler Carlson, pictured below, to improve the quality of life for all the citizens who live in the communities served by the Mohave Electric Cooperative.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS - UPCOMING EVENTS

CONGRESSMAN

PAUL GOSAR

will be hosting a
TOWN HALL MEETING
in

BULLHEAD CITY, AZ

Tuesday June 28th
7:00-8:00 PM - Bullhead City Council Chambers
1255 Marina Blvd. Bullhead City, AZ 86442

More Details Available at:
www.Gosar.house.gov

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL (480) 882-2697

As always, you can follow everything I am working on in Arizona and Washington, D.C. through my website (<http://gosar.house.gov>) on Twitter @RepGosar, through Facebook at Rep. Paul Gosar or on Instagram at RepGosar.

Sincerely,



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



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