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Fighting for You from Washington, D.C.

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Dear Friend,

With over 900 forest fires having burned across the United States this year, a mismanaged forest policy has made our land and the people of Arizona victims of avoidable wildfire conditions.

A Solution to Preventing Catastrophic Wildfires



Last year, our communities were victims to some of the largest forest fires in recorded history

On Friday, the House Natural Resource Committee took up my Catastrophic Wildfire Prevention Act of 2012. This act removes bureaucratic red tape that is endangering residents who live near public lands, threatening our environment and hurting economic growth.

Specifically, my bill would implement a streamlined federal review process and allow the federal government to use the emergency provisions of existing regulations to expedite grazing and forest thinning projects in order to help prevent wildfires.



To watch and listen to my opening statement please click above

Thank you to the local Arizona leaders who came to Washington, D.C. to testify on the importance of protecting our communities from wildfires. To read more please, [click here](#).

Lastly, The Catastrophic Wildfire Prevention Act was also introduced in the U.S. Senate this week by Senator Lee of Utah. [In Case You Missed It](#).

Getting Bureaucracy Out of The Way on Public Lands



Congressman Gosar supports an "all of the above" energy approach

Bureaucracy is standing in the way of western states, like Arizona, that contain millions of acres of public lands that are prime for economic development. That is why this week Rep. Thompson (D-CA) and I introduced the Public Lands Renewable Energy Development Act (H.R.6154), legislation that streamlines permitting for renewable energy projects on public lands. To read more please, [click here](#).

Ensuring Taxpayer Money Does Not Go to the Muslim Brotherhood and Other Rogue Entities

On Thursday, the House unanimously passed [my amendment](#) in the Fiscal Year 2013 Defense Appropriations Bill (H.R.5856) that prohibits the use of any military funds, or military assistance, to the Muslim Brotherhood, Iran, Syria, Hamas, and Hezbollah. None of these organizations are friendly towards the United States, and each of them harbor hate towards our friend and ally, Israel.



An F-16 from the 61st Fighter Squadron prepares to land at Luke Air Force Base (U.S. Air Force photo/Tech.Sgt. Raheem Moore)

Furthermore, our nation's defense is our federal government's core constitutional responsibility. I was proud to vote to better equip, pay and support our brave men and women of the United States military who put their lives on the line to protect our precious freedom. To see my full statement please [click here](#).

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](#), or through [Facebook](#) at Representative Paul Gosar.

Sincerely,

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

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Member of Congress

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