

This past week, the House passed the first Interior Appropriations bill in seven years with my support. I'm proud to have played a leading role and secured several major victories for the state of Arizona.

This legislation marks an important step in reinforcing state and local stewardship of our land in western states while responsibly developing our nation's energy sources. Furthermore, the bill focuses on increasing access to public lands which will create jobs, stimulate our economy and reduce America's dependence on volatile foreign markets. Click the links below and continue reading to learn more about these legislative wins:

- -Cutting \$70 Million from EPA Bureaucrats, Redirects Resources to Wildfire Prevention
- -Prohibiting EPA's Attempt to Expand Clean Water Act through Unlawful Guidance
- -Defeating Rep. Grijalva's Land Grab Amendment
- -Allowing for Responsible State Management of Mexican Wolf Populations
- -Blocking funds for the EPA's Waters of the United States Rule (WOTUS)
- -Fully-funding the Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILT) program
- -Prohibiting Funds for the "Social Cost of Carbon"
- -Providing \$2,000,000 for Quagga and Zebra Mussel Containment and Prevention
- -Directing the BLM to Allow States to Assist with Managing Wild Burro Populations
- -Blocking the President from Unilaterally Designating the Proposed Grand Canyon Watershed, Sedona and Expanded Sonoran Desert Monuments

HOUSE TAKES RARE STEP TO REPRIMAND FEDS ON ARBITRARY LAKE HAVASU CLOSURE

The House of Representatives took a rare step this week to reprimand the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for arbitrary boating closures and instructed the agency to reopen Lake Havasu for all users.

Think about that for a second...the Service's unlawful restrictions (a local issue) were so outrageous that the full U.S. House of Representatives voted unanimously to prohibit funding for the agency to continue to carry out these unwarranted regulations. This is now a national issue.

WE THE PEOPLE have spoken in a bipartisan voice and demanded that the Service reopen our lake. I will not rest until the people's voice is heard and the agency moves the buoys back. Click <u>HERE</u> or on the picture below to watch my floor speech and the debate.



USING THE POWER OF THE PURSE TO DEFUND THE EPA



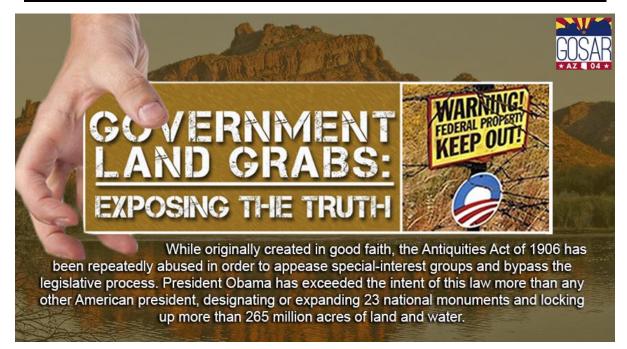
There is nothing I love more than defunding lawless bureaucrats at the EPA. Last week, the House approved my amendment to cut \$70 million from unnecessary EPA salaries and redirected those funds to the Forest Service's Hazardous Fuels account in order to prevent dangerous wildfires. Maybe now EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy will finally get the message: **Shape up or lose your funding.**

The House also passed another one of my amendments blocking an EPA water grab that attempted to extort private water rights currently under state control. The EPA's never-ending obsession to federalize private water rights from the American people is bordering on insanity.

EPA bureaucrats have proven that they will stop at nothing to push an economically disastrous agenda at the expense of science, the Rule of Law and basic common sense.

I'm pleased to see the House join me in taking a stand against this rogue agency. Click<u>HERE</u> to learn more.

HOUSE BLOCKS FUNDING FOR 1.7 MILLION ACRE AZ LAND GRAB



We had a big win this past week as I lead the charge to defeat Arizona Congressman Raul Girjalva's amendment that aimed to lock-up millions of acres of land in Arizona.

The House maintained my amendment blocking the proposed Grand Canyon Watershed and Sedona Monuments and defeated the Southwestern Arizona Congressman's misguided amendment.

Local communities deserve to have a voice in this process before President Obama circumvents Congress and bars the people from even more land with one stroke of his pen.

Congressman Grijalva's failed effort attempted to silence the 71% of Arizonans that oppose his proposal to designate 1.7 million acres in the Grand Canyon Watershed as a new national monument.

I'm proud to stand with the people of Arizona, as well as a majority of my House colleagues, in defeating government land grabs in counties where there is significant local opposition. Chalk another one up for the good guys! Click <u>HERE</u> to learn more.

MOHAVE COUNTY SUPERVISOR JOHNSON TESTIFIES IN STRONG SUPPORT
OF GOSAR PUBLIC LANDS ENERGY BILL



I'm incredibly grateful to have had Mohave County Supervisor **Buster Johnson** testify this past Wednesday at a House Natural Resources Committee hearing in support of my Public Land Renewable Energy Development Act.

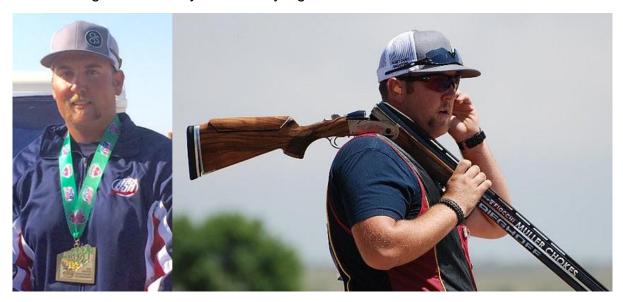
Supervisor Johnson accurately stated, "The Public Land Renewable Energy Development Act] will help create good-paying jobs, diversify rural economy's and spur economic growth...In public lands counties, the single greatest barrier to project development is the protracted federal permitting process...This legislation creates a straightforward and streamlined permitting process for renewal energy development on federal lands...Simply put, there is no reason for the BLM to take several years to permit a project when our county offices can issue permits in weeks."

The Public Lands Renewable Energy Development Act presents a valuable, bipartisan opportunity to spur renewable energy development on public lands in a way that maximizes benefits to states, counties and the people who use public lands. This proactive solution brings wind and solar energy more in line with the way other forms of energy development are permitted, creating greater long-term certainty. Click HERE to learn more.



Congratulations to Tyler Taylor of Wickenburg, Arizona on earning a bronze medal in the USA Junior Olympics and a spot on the U.S. Olympic Shotgun Team! Tyler is currently attending college and shooting for the Arizona State University Shotgun Team but soon he will be representing the USA at international competitions. Just

goes to show you...nobody's got better aim than an Arizonan!



Grateful for the opportunity yesterday to speak with the Colorado River Tea Party Patriots in Bullhead City. It was wonderful to discuss the latest updates from DC with so many freedom-loving Americans in attendance.



I had the honor this week to welcome Member of Parliament, David Mackintosh, to the United States. He joined me this weekend to visit Arizona's 4th district as a representative of one of our greatest and most trusted allies, the United Kingdom. Friday morning David talked with my staff about the fascinating differences in our governments as well as our common goals. Britain is going through a monumental

change right now but no matter what, America will always support our friends from across the pond.

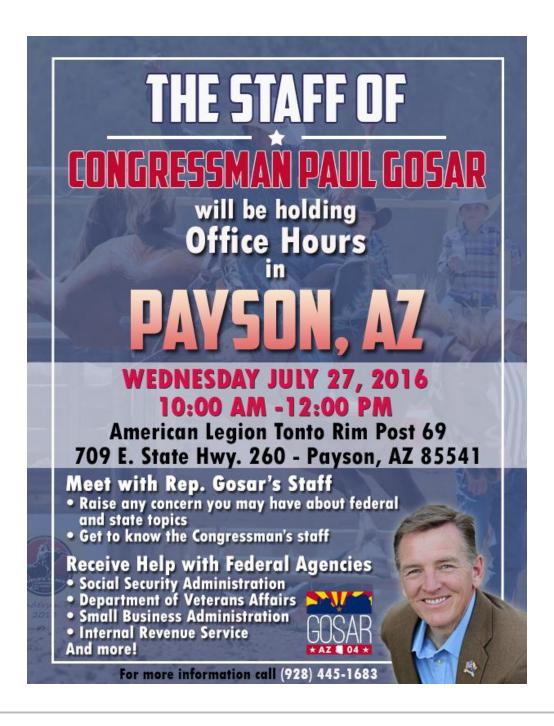


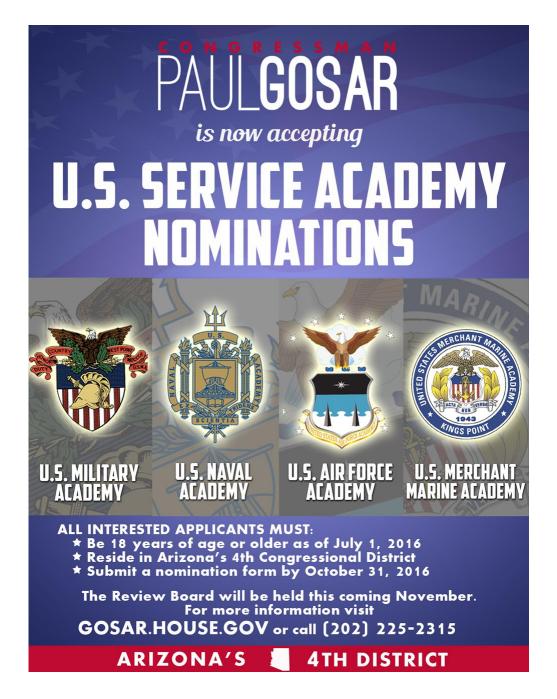
A couple weeks ago I had the pleasure of visiting McCoy Fishing Line Inc. in Lake Havasu City. They produce fishing line and also are in the firearms business as Samcorp Arms Mfg. Pictured below are the owners, Steve Hartigan and Mike Masterpole, who are committed to bringing Arizonans closer to the great outdoors.





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