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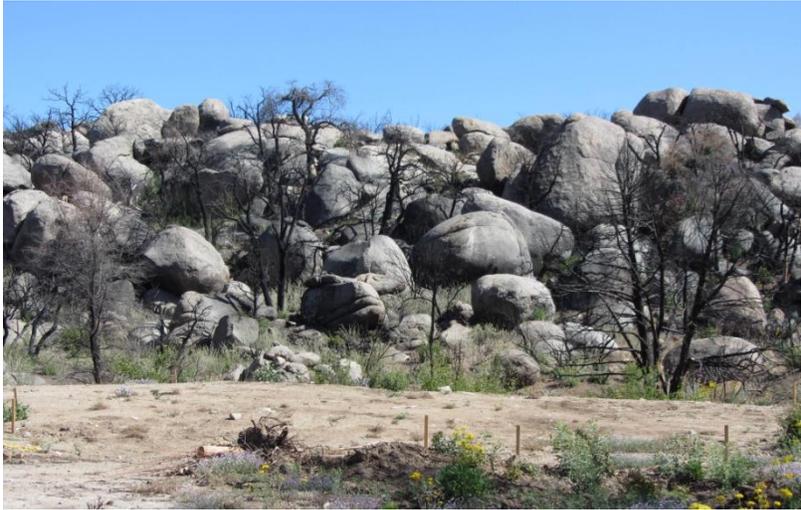
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WILDFIRE
NEWS

Dear Friend,

I had the opportunity to visit Yarnell on Monday and see how the town is recovering from the Yarnell Hill Fire. The Yarnell Recovery Group, also known as "Yarnell Rising," took me on a tour of the areas of the town devastated by the fire. It's been almost a year since it burned through the town and the surrounding countryside, but the burned trees and rubble remain. It is always amazing to see how destructive a wildfire can be - and also how random, with one house left untouched and the next one burned to the ground - but it's also amazing to see how resilient we Arizonans are. Seeing the many homes being rebuilt left me feeling more hope for the future of our state and of our country.



(Burned trees in Yarnell, Arizona, May 12, 2014)

I also had the chance to visit the Yarnell Fire District on Monday and meet with Chief Ben Palm. We discussed Yarnell's recovery and how we can better prevent such disasters from happening again. In the front of their building they have a memorial to the 19 Granite Mountain Hotshots who died trying to protect the town from the fire. It was comforting to know that the bravery of those 19 heroes will never be forgotten. Thank you to all first responders, including those at the Yarnell Fire District, for protecting us and our properties every day.



(Rep. Gosar observing the memorial, May 12, 2014)

No First Class on the Taxpayer's Dime

My bill that would prohibit members of Congress from flying first class using taxpayer funds gained steam this week. Everywhere I go, people are shocked to learn that members of Congress can fly first class using their money. This is a commonsense bill that will close an unworthy loophole. I went on Fox News on Wednesday to talk about the bill and you can watch the interview by clicking [HERE](#) or below.



Beautiful Arizona

I was glad to be back in the Arizona Sun this week after spending a few days in rainy Washington last week. I was also happy to see so many smiling faces in my travels around District 4. I was able to meet with a variety of people, from eighth graders in San Tan Valley to Republicans in Cottonwood. Below are a few pictures from my travels around the district.



(Rep. Gosar speaking at the Legacy Tradition School's 8th Grade Promotion in San Tan Valley, May 15, 2014)



(Rep. Gosar at a meeting of the Glendale Tea Party, May 14, 2014)



(Rep. Gosar at the Mingus Mountain Republican Club in Cottonwood, May 13, 2014)

The Importance of Small Businesses

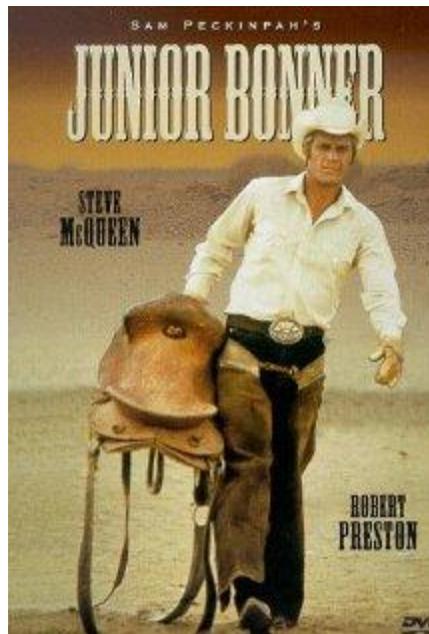
On Tuesday, I introduced a resolution in the House in recognition of National Small Business Week and the small business across this country. As the backbone of our economy, small businesses are responsible for 60 percent of net new jobs created since the end of the recession. The entrepreneurs who own these businesses are among the nation's top innovators, taking risks every day to achieve the American dream. I owned my own small business for 25 years before becoming a Congressman, so I know what it's like to struggle to make ends meet. These self-starters deserve our commendation for their commitment to furthering

Government Waste of the Week

\$13.3 to 15.6 billion: the amount of taxpayer money paid out by the IRS in bogus Earned Income Tax Credit payments. Click [HERE](#) to read more.

Congressional District 4: Did You Know?

Hundreds of movies have been filmed in Prescott, including *Junior Bonner* starring Steve McQueen.



(Courtesy imdb.com)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Monday, June 2, 2014

Joint Field Hearing on EPA Overreach

TIME: 10:00AM-1:00PM

LOCATION: Arizona State Capitol

Senate Hearing Room 1

1700 W Washington St

Phoenix, AZ 85007

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

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.

our nation's economy.

The important role small business owners play in our communities cannot be understated. These entrepreneurs sponsor our youth sports teams, are intimately involved in facilitating community events and, most importantly, provide much-needed jobs. I encourage all citizens to shop locally at small businesses this week in support of these vital economic engines. Click [HERE](#) to read more.

Sincerely,

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

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

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