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The Honorable Tom McClintock
Chairman
Subcommittee on Federal Lands
Committee on Natural Resources
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify at the May 24, 2016, hearing on three bills concerning the National Park Service (NPS). This letter provides additional information requested at the hearing.

Representative Westerman asked if there were national monuments under the management of the NPS that have active timber management and/or forest management practices.

There are no units of the National Park System that have ongoing timber management. The NPS does not engage in larger scale commercial timber sales or salvage, nor do we generally allow other extractive or consumptive uses of park resources. However, the Secretary may dispose of timber under the purposes identified in 54 U.S.C. 100753, which are to control insects and disease, or to conserve the scenery and resources of a national park. Also, the NPS has historically engaged in limited timber salvage in specific cases where hazardous trees needed to be removed to protect the health and safety of visitors.

We appreciate having the opportunity to respond on this matter.

Sincerely,

for Jonathan B. Jarvis
Director

cc: The Honorable Niki Tsongas, Ranking Minority Member, Subcommittee on Federal Lands
The Honorable Bruce Westerman