

**Opening Statement
Chairman Raúl M. Grijalva
Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands
Legislative Hearing on H.R. 4888: Cabin Fee Act of 2010
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The Subcommittee will now come to order. Thank you.

Today we will receive testimony on H.R. 4888, the Cabin Fee Act of 2010. The bill addresses a program that the Forest Service has administered since 1915. The program was so successful that families have passed those cabins down from generation to generation, developing strong local partnerships with the Forest Service.

However, the Recreation Residence Program has come before Congress repeatedly due to concerns raised by cabin owners. Just about 10 years ago, we passed the Cabin User Fee Fairness Act, known as CUFFA, to address the concerns of cabin owners who were upset about rising fees and an unfair appraisal process. Now, we are hearing about similar issues once again. It is my hope that we will be able to find a solution that solves these problems once and for all.

As always, we very much appreciate the time and effort put forth by our witnesses and thank them for joining us today. With that said, I'd now like to turn to Ranking Member Bishop for any opening statement he may have.