

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES
113th Congress Disclosure Form
As required by and provided for in House Rule XI, clause 2(g) and
the Rules of the Committee on Natural Resources

12/12/13 Oversight Hearing on
“ESA Decisions by Closed-Door Settlement: Short-Changing Science, Transparency, Private Property,
and State & Local Economies”

For Individuals:

1. Name: Jeff Sikes

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3. Email Address: [Information redacted for privacy]

4. Phone Number: [Information redacted for privacy]

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For Witnesses Representing Organizations:

1. Name: Association of Arkansas Counties

2. Name of Organization(s) You are Representing at the Hearing:
 1. Arkansas State Chamber of Commerce
 2. Arkansas Environmental Federation
 3. Arkansas Association of Conservation Districts
 4. Arkansas Forestry Association
 5. Arkansas Farm Bureau
 6. Arkansas Timber Producers Association
 7. Arkansas Poultry Federation
 8. Arkansas Independent Producers and Royalty Owners
 9. Agriculture Council of Arkansas
 10. Camp Ozark
 11. Arkansas Cattlemen’s Association
 12. Energy and Environmental Alliance of Arkansas
 13. Cargill Foods, Inc.

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For all Witnesses

Name/Organization: Jeff Sikes, Association of Arkansas Counties

Title/Date of Hearing: “ESA Decisions by Closed Door Settlement: Short-Changing Science, Transparency, Private Property, and State and Local Economies”, December 12, 2013

a. Any training or educational certificates, diplomas or degrees or other educational experiences that are relevant to your qualifications to testify on or knowledge of the subject matter of the hearing.

Attorney with twenty-three years representing counties through employment with the Association of Arkansas Counties.

b. Any professional licenses, certifications, or affiliations held that are relevant to your qualifications to testify on or knowledge of the subject matter of the hearing.

Attorney

c. Any employment, occupation, ownership in a firm or business, or work-related experiences that relate to your qualifications to testify on or knowledge of the subject matter of the hearing.

I have been instrumental in putting together a working group of various public and private entities with the purpose of insuring ESA listings, an concomitant declaration of critical habitat, are absolutely necessary for the survival of the species and backed by the best science available.

d. Any federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) from the Department of the Interior (and /or other agencies invited) that you have received in the current year and previous four years, including the source and the amount of each grant or contract.

None

e. A list of all lawsuits or petitions filed by you against the federal government in the current year and the previous four years, giving the name of the lawsuit or petition, the subject matter of the lawsuit or petition, and the federal statutes under which the lawsuits or petitions were filed.

None

f. A list of all federal lawsuits filed against you by the federal government in the current year and the previous four years, giving the name of the lawsuit, the subject matter of the lawsuit, and the federal statutes under which the lawsuits were filed.

None

g. Any other information you wish to convey that might aid the Members of the Committee to better understand the context of your testimony.

Please see attached question areas and sample responses.

Witnesses Representing Organizations

Name/Organization: Jeff Sikes, Legislative Director, Association of Arkansas Counties

Title/Date of Hearing: “ESA Decisions by Closed Door Settlement: Short-Changing Science, Transparency, Private Property, and State and Local Economies”, December 12, 2013

h. Any offices, elected positions, or representational capacity held in the organization(s) on whose behalf you are testifying.

Legislative Director for the Association of Arkansas Counties

i. Any federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) from the Department of the Interior (and /or other agencies invited) that were received in the current year and previous four years by the organization(s) you represent at this hearing, including the source and amount of each grant or contract for each of the organization(s).

None

j. A list of all lawsuits or petitions filed by the organization(s) you represent at the hearing against the federal government in the current year and the previous four years, giving the name of the lawsuit or petition, the subject matter of the lawsuit or petition, and the federal statutes under which the lawsuits or petitions were filed for each of the organization(s).

None

k. A list of all federal lawsuits filed against the organization(s) you represent at the hearing by the federal government in the current year and the previous four years, giving the name of the lawsuit, the subject matter of the lawsuit, and the federal statutes under which the lawsuits were filed.

None

l. For tax-exempt organizations and non-profit organizations, copies of the three most recent public IRS Form 990s (including Form 990-PF, Form 990-N, and Form 990-EZ) for each of the organization(s) you represent at the hearing (not including any contributor names and addresses or any information withheld from public inspection by the Secretary of the Treasury under 26 U.S.C. 6104)).

None/Not Applicable