

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES
115th Congress Disclosure Form
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Legislative Hearing on H.R. 4419 (Rep. Dan Newhouse) To facilitate and streamline the Bureau of Reclamation and Bureau of Indian Affairs processes for creating or expanding certain water projects, and for other purposes. “Bureau of Reclamation and Bureau of Indian Affairs Water Project Streamlining Act”

Thursday, November 30, 2017

For Individuals:

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Email Address:
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For Witnesses Representing Organizations:

Name: Patrick O’Toole
Name of Organization(s) You are Representing at the Hearing: Family Farm Alliance
Business Address: [REDACTED]
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Business Phone Number: [REDACTED]

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For Nongovernment Witnesses ONLY:

1. Please attach/include current curriculum vitae or resume.

Patrick O’Toole, a member of the Family Farm Alliance’s Board of Directors since 1998 and a former member of Wyoming’s House of Representatives, was named as the organization’s fifth President in March 2005.

Mr. O’Toole is a cattle and sheep rancher and hay grower with strong backgrounds in irrigated agriculture and Wyoming politics. He and his family live near Savery, Wyoming. Mr. O’Toole and his wife, Sharon, live on a ranch that has been in her family since 1881. It straddles the Wyoming-Colorado border and has long afforded Mr. O’Toole the opportunity to view some unique water issues, first hand.

He served in Wyoming’s 64-member House from 1986-92. His assignments included a Select Water Committee and the Agriculture and Water committees. He and others in his region struggled for years to get a scaled-down storage project, Upper Savery Reservoir, developed. The lake is now delivering water.

Pat O’Toole’s interest in water intersected with the Family Farm Alliance while he was serving on the Clinton administration’s Western Water Policy Review Advisory Commission. Mr. O’Toole was the only commissioner representing Western irrigated agriculture and, in the end, refused to sign the report, opting instead to prepare a

dissenting alternative report.

Mr. O'Toole is presently serving on the Advisory Committee for AGree, a national agricultural policy group. The O'Toole family and Ladder Ranch were the recipients of the distinguished 2014 Wyoming Leopold Environmental Stewardship Award. Water is listed as a top priority in the discussion.

Pat and Sharon met while students at Colorado State University (where Pat graduated with a degree in philosophy). They have three children, including a daughter and son, and six grandchildren living on the ranch. Another daughter lives in Denver with her husband.

2. Please list any federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) related to the subject matter of the hearing that were received in the current year and previous two calendar years by you or the organization(s) you represent at this hearing, including the source and amount of each grant or contract.

Not applicable.

3. Please list any contracts or payments originating with a foreign government related to the subject matter of the hearing that were received in the current year and previous two calendar years by you or the organization(s) you represent at this hearing, including the amount and country of origin of each contract or payment.

Not applicable