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Environment

"I strongly believe that protection of our environment is fundamental to the existence of all Americans."

Current Legislation/Initiatives

Did you know?

- **The United States utilizes 150 billion gallons of gasoline per year.**
- **The two biggest producers of greenhouse gases are the United States and China.**
- **The levels of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere have risen by 70 percent since 1970.**
- **North American forests will suffer from a warming climate and increases in wildfires, insects infestations and diseases could cost wood and timber users up to \$2 billion dollars by the end of the century.**
- **If nations do not begin to control emissions that level off heat trapping gases it is projected to increase by an additional 25 to 90 percent by 2030.**

I am an active supporter of environmental protection legislation. In the 110th Congress I have cosponsored legislation such as:

H.R. 1103: Environmental Justice Act of 2007:

Authorizes and directs the President to execute, administer, and enforce as a matter of federal law the provisions of Executive Order 12898, dated February 11, 1994, (Federal Actions To Address Environmental Justice In Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations) with modifications: (1) defining "environmental justice" and "fair treatment"; and (2) providing that the provisions concerning judicial review shall not apply. Requires the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to carry out specified recommendations set forth in the following reports: (1) the EPA Inspector General's report number 2006-P-00034 entitled "EPA needs to conduct environmental justice reviews of its programs, policies and activities"; (2) the Government Accountability Office (GAO) report number GAO-05-289 entitled "EPA Should Devote More

Attention to Environmental Justice when Developing Clean Air Rules"; and (3) the Inspector General's report number 2004-P-00007 entitled "EPA Needs to Consistently Implement the Intent of the Executive Order on Environmental Justice."

H.R. 2169: Clean Water Protection Act- To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to clarify that fill material cannot be comprised of waste. This bill would amend the Water Pollution Control Act to clarify that "fill material" regulated under federal law cannot be waste material. It is simply inappropriate to allow the excess spoil from this type of mining to be dumped in mountain streams, polluting waterways, filling valleys, and in some cases, potentially endangering the lives of area residents.

H. R. 1975: Northern Rockies Ecosystem Protection Act

Designates the following lands in Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, and Wyoming as wilderness and components of the National Wilderness Preservation System

(System): (1) Greater Glacier/Northern Continental Divide ecosystem; (2) Greater Yellowstone ecosystem; (3) Greater Salmon/Selway ecosystem; (4) Greater Cabinet/Yaak/Selkirk ecosystem; (5) Greater Hells Canyon ecosystem; (6) Islands in the Sky Wilderness; and (7) Blackfoot Wilderness.

H.R. 1919: America's Red Rock Wilderness Act of 2007- Designates specified lands in the following areas of Utah as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System: (1) Great Basin; (2) Zion and Mojave Desert; (3) the Grand Staircase-Escalante; (4) Moab-La Sal Canyons; (5) Henry Mountains; (6) Glen Canyon; (7) San Juan-Anasazi; (8) Canyonlands Basin; (9) San Rafael Swell; and (10) Book Cliffs and Uinta Basin.

H.R. 2421: Clean Water Restoration Act of 2007- To Amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to clarify the jurisdiction of the United States over waters of the United States.

H.R.2516: National Forest Roadless Area Conservation Act-To protect inventoried roadless areas in the National the National Forest System.

