

LABRADOR TO CHAIR KEY NATURAL RESOURCES SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT AND INVESTIGATIONS

Will use chairmanship to help rural Idaho and natural resources economy

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – Rep. Raúl Labrador, R-Idaho, will chair the Natural Resources Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations in the 115th Congress. The panel has jurisdiction over agencies critical to the West.

The new assignment was announced Tuesday by Natural Resources Committee Chairman Rob Bishop, R-Utah.

“As a westerner, Congressman Labrador understands the importance of natural resource issues to our states, communities and economy,” Bishop said. “I can count on him to shine a bright light on a broad range of federal actions. The Subcommittee’s work will help the full Committee ensure the executive branch is properly implementing the laws of the United States and doing so fairly and efficiently, and helping to uncover waste, fraud and abuse of taxpayer funds.”

“I am honored to lead this Subcommittee and help hold federal agencies accountable,” said Labrador. “Idaho and the West have suffered under misguided and overreaching policies that hurt rural communities and our natural resource economy. I look forward to providing common-sense Idaho leadership, improving policy implementation and making sure our tax dollars are spent appropriately and wisely.”

The Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations has primary and general oversight and investigative authority on all activities, policies and programs within the [jurisdiction of the full Committee](#). These include public lands, irrigation and reclamation, relations with Native American tribes, national parks and national cemeteries, mining, fisheries, wildlife, coastal management, petroleum conservation and more.

The Subcommittee oversees the Department of Interior, which includes the Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation, National Park Service and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. It shares jurisdiction over the U.S. Forest Service with the House Agriculture Committee.

Labrador also serves on the Resource Committee’s Subcommittee on Federal Lands.

As a member of the Judiciary Committee, Labrador is vice chairman of the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security and a member of the Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet.