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2017 was a banner year for the Western Caucus. This was only been made possible by the engagement and diligence of our Members, staff and supporters. Thank you for helping make this year a major success.

Below are the Western Caucus Highlights for 2017. Attached is our comprehensive Year in Review.

Chairman Gosar is filled with optimism and excited to work with our Members, staff, committees, industry, the Administration and the American people to make 2018 the best year yet.

We look forward to future efforts.

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Congressional Western Caucus **Year in Review 2017**

This year, the Western Caucus was on 

TOP 20 2017 Highlights:

- 1) Recruited 37 new dues-paying members and increased membership to 72 members.
- 2) Spearheaded introduction of 14 Congressional Review Act bills that rolled back Obama regulations; 3 were signed into law, and 7 were acted on by the Administration.
- 3) Secured additional \$576.5 million for wildfires and active forest management language.
- 4) Led efforts by Congress to scrap the 10-million-acre Sage Grouse mineral withdrawal.
- 5) Blocked the Obama Administration's power-grabbing BLM Planning 2.0 rule via law.
- 6) Passed active forest management legislation through the House.
- 7) Redirected \$32.5 million from EPA bureaucracy to abandoned mine reclamation efforts.
- 8) Prevented a new "dirt tax" and new fees for hardrock mining in President's budget.
- 9) Blocked an Obama rule by law that harmed hunting and wildlife management in Alaska.
- 10) Passed legislation through the House to prevent a 425,000-acre Obama land grab in MN.
- 11) Led Congressional efforts to cancel Obama's Clean Power Plan.
- 12) Prevented funds for the Obama Administration's EPA Methane rule.
- 13) Passed legislation through the House to block Obama's BLM Venting and Flaring rule.
- 14) Led efforts on monument review that shrunk footprint in Utah by over 2 million acres.
- 15) Spearheaded Congressional efforts to repeal Obama's job-killing Fracking rule.
- 16) Passed provision into law to open up Section 1002 of ANWR for energy production.
- 17) Prevented the sale off the transmission assets of PMAs within DOE.
- 18) Led Congressional efforts to scrap Obama's duplicative EPA CERCLA rule.
- 19) Prevented funds for the Obama Administration's Social Cost of Carbon rule.
- 20) Led efforts by Congress to end "sue and settle" practices within the EPA.

Other Caucus Milestones in 2017:

- 1) Passed Caucus bylaws at first member meeting – a campaign promise kept.
- 2) Established monthly Member meeting with outside speakers including Secretaries Zinke and Perdue, Administrator Pruitt, Director Mulvaney and Chief Tooke. Catered lunch provided.
- 3) Drafted 26 unique amendments to Interior section of FY' 18 approps; 13 were made in order by Rules Committee and 10 were successfully passed and attached to the bill.
- 4) Created weekly newsletter.
- 5) Established weekly Member video address.
- 6) Designed and launched completely redesigned Caucus website
- 7) Issued 74 press releases featuring a total of 505 unique quotes from Caucus members.
- 8) Launched Caucus Instagram page.
- 9) Western Caucus Member Zinke confirmed as Secretary of the Department of the Interior.