

# Media Advisory



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## **Western Energy Alliance to Testify at BLM Budget Hearing** ***Proposed fee increases will reduce energy production, jobs, and economic development in the West***

(Washington DC) – James Schroeder, President of Western Energy Alliance, will testify before the U.S. House of Representatives Natural Resources Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources regarding the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and USDA Forest Service budgets. The budgets for these two federal agencies are critical in setting the tone for how federal land managers implement their multiple-use mandates and whether they enable the productive use of federal lands, or whether they discourage production of American energy. [You may view his testimony here.](#)

The oversight hearing will be held in the House Natural Resources Hearing Room, 1324 Longworth House Office Building at 10:00 a.m. EDT on April 5, 2011 and viewable online at <http://naturalresources.house.gov/>.

James Schroeder has been in the oil and natural gas industry for over 30 years, including extensive experience operating on federal lands. He is currently the Chief Executive Officer and President of Mesa Energy Partners, LLC. Schroeder is an exploration geologist and geophysicist who has co-founded several companies and overseen development and operations in the Rocky Mountain, Mid-Continent, Texas and Louisiana Gulf Coast regions. He was inducted into the Rocky Mountain Oil and Gas Hall of Fame in 2009, and serves on the Board of Directors for the Research Partnership to Secure Energy for America (RPSEA).

### **James Schroeder and Western Energy Alliance will be available to answer questions after the hearing.**

**Who:** James Schroeder, President & CEO, Mesa Energy Partners; President, Western Energy Alliance

**What:** U.S. House of Representatives Natural Resources Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources Oversight Hearing on "Effect of the President's FY-2012 Budget and Legislative Proposals for the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service's Energy and Minerals Programs on Private Sector Job Creation, Domestic Energy and Minerals Production and Deficit Reduction"

**When:** 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 5, 2011

**Where:** 1324 Longworth House Office Building and online at <http://naturalresources.house.gov/>

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#### **About Western Energy Alliance**

Western Energy Alliance, founded in 1974, is a non-profit trade association representing more than 400 companies engaged in all aspects of environmentally responsible exploration and production of oil and natural gas in the West. More information on Western Energy Alliance and its members is available at [www.westernenergyalliance.org](http://www.westernenergyalliance.org).