

TAPE FOR WEEK OF MAY 5

THIS IS YOUR CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL

WEST VIRGINIA IS A STATE BLESSED WITH NATURAL RESOURCES CONTAINING OUTSTANDING CULTURAL, WILDLIFE, SCENIC AND RECREATIONAL VALUE. WE MUST PROTECT THESE RESOURCES AS WE ATTEMPT TO BEEF UP OUR TOURISM INDUSTRY WHICH IS ON THE RISE IN OUR STATE.

I AM INTRODUCING A BILL IN CONGRESS WHICH WILL CREATE A NATIONAL WILD AND SCENIC RIVER DESIGNATION FOR A PORTION OF THE BLUESTONE RIVER IN MERCER COUNTY AS WELL AS A NATIONAL RECREATION AREA DESIGNATION FOR THE SEGMENT OF THE GAULEY RIVER FROM THE SUMMERSVILLE DAM TO THE VICINITY OF EITHER PETER'S CREEK OR SWISS.

I WILL WORK CLOSELY WITH MY WEST VIRGINIA COLLEAGUES IN CONGRESS, LOCAL OFFICIALS, AFFECTED LANDOWNERS, THE WHITEWATER RAFTING INDUSTRY AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES AS WE DEVELOP THIS LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE.

I FEEL STRONGLY THAT WE MUST ACT NOW TO PROTECT THE NATURAL BEAUTY THAT IS UNIQUELY WEST VIRGINIA.

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