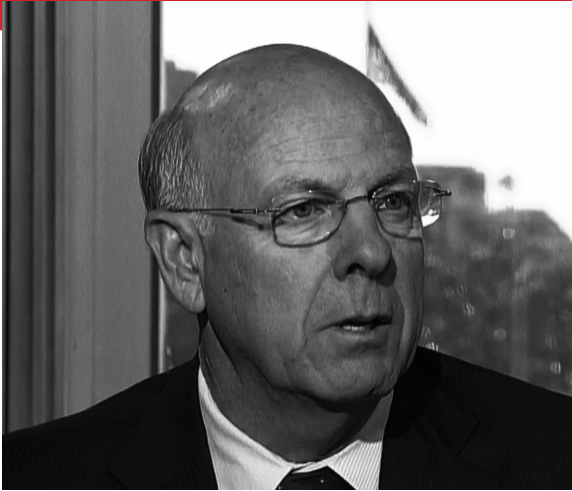


# PUBLIC LANDS ENEMY #13



## Rep. Steve Pearce (R-N.M.)

Sponsored Bills: 2; Cosponsored Bills: 20;

Total Possible Bills: 84

U.S. House of Representatives (2011-Present),  
New Mexico's 2<sup>nd</sup> District

Member, Committee on Natural Resources

Member, Subcommittee on Federal Lands

Member, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources

Steve Pearce ranks as Public Lands Enemy #13. He sponsored or cosponsored 22 of the 84 of the “anti-public lands” bills introduced in the House of Representatives. Pearce, currently serving his seventh term representing the southern half of New Mexico, is one of the most radical, anti-environmental members of Congress and publicly encourages vigilantism and the destruction of America’s public lands. Pearce was the original sponsor of two bills. [H.R. 1512](#) strips away the president’s authority to designate new national monuments in New Mexico by requiring congressional authorization. [H.R. 3478](#) does away with protections for Wilderness Study Areas — areas deemed worthy of wilderness designation by Congress — in New Mexico’s Luna and Hidalgo counties.

Pearce has a strong allegiance to the fossil fuel industry. He was a long-time owner of Lea Fishing Tools, [an oilfield services company](#) that he sold to Key Energy in 2003 for [\\$12 million](#). Fossil fuel corporations have been major contributors throughout Pearce’s political career. For the 2016 election, at least 24 of Pearce’s top 100 campaign contributors were oil, gas, and energy corporations. Over the course of his time as a U.S. Representative, the oil and gas industry has given Pearce more than twice as much money — [\\$2,061,743](#)— as any other industry.

In August 2011, following Pearce’s calls for people in southwestern New Mexico to seize control of federal land, [vigilantes destroyed public lands](#) by illegally bulldozing more than 13 miles of the San Francisco River in the Gila National Forest. The river is designated critical habitat for the endangered loach minnow, and the bulldozed section includes an inventoried roadless area downstream of the town of Reserve.

Eight days after the incident, during a town hall meeting in Eager, Ariz., Congressman Pearce urged [counties to take control](#) of all the land within their boundaries, including federal public land. Pearce, who was called a “Tea Party rock star” by the *White Mountain Independent* newspaper reporting on the event, praised New Mexico and Oregon counties for “taking control.” This included the Otero County sheriff who threatened to arrest any Forest Service staff interfering with the county’s logging on national forest land.

**Anti-Public Lands Bills Sponsored or Cosponsored by Pearce:**

<b>Bill Type</b>	<b>Sponsored</b>	<b>Cosponsored</b>
<b>Land Seizure</b> State Choice of 5 Percent of Public Lands ( <a href="#">H.R. 2852</a> ) Public Lands Sale for “Recreation” ( <a href="#">H.R. 5836</a> ) Weakens Grazing Management ( <a href="#">H.R. 657</a> ) Oak Flat Land Trade ( <a href="#">H.R. 1904</a> )		X X X X
<b>Private/County/State Control of Public Lands</b> Community Forest Demo Areas ( <a href="#">H.R. 6009</a> ) Community Forest Demo Areas ( <a href="#">H.R. 1294</a> ) Community Forest Demo Areas ( <a href="#">H.R. 2316</a> ) End BLM/USFS Law Enforcement ( <a href="#">H.R. 4751</a> ) Local Control of Public Land Access ( <a href="#">H.R. 4272</a> ) State Beetle Kill Logging Projects ( <a href="#">H.R. 695</a> ) State Beetle Kill Timber Projects ( <a href="#">H.R. 818</a> ) State Beetle Kill Timber Projects ( <a href="#">H.R. 6089</a> )		X X X X X X X X
<b>Weakening Federal Protections</b> New Mexico County WSA Release ( <a href="#">H.R. 3478</a> ) Remove Wilderness Management ( <a href="#">H.R. 1581</a> ) Logging Priority on Forests ( <a href="#">H.R. 1526</a> ) No More Uranium Withdrawal ( <a href="#">H.R. 3155</a> )	X	X X X
<b>No More Parks, Monuments, Refuges</b> No New Monuments in New Mexico ( <a href="#">H.R. 1512</a> ) Barriers to New Monuments ( <a href="#">H.R. 1459</a> ) Limiting New Monuments ( <a href="#">H.R. 3946</a> ) Local Monument Nullification ( <a href="#">H.R. 2258</a> ) Local Monument Approval ( <a href="#">H.R. 900</a> ) No New Monuments ( <a href="#">H.R. 302</a> )	X	X X X X X

**Campaign Contributors (Over Career, as of 1/3/17, Center for Responsive Politics):**

- Oil & Gas:
  - \$215,650
- Livestock:
  - \$84,076
- Misc. Energy:
  - \$39,164
- Mining:
  - \$21,400

- Agribusiness Sector<sup>37</sup>:
  - \$158,000
- Energy and Natural Resources Sector:
  - \$295,200
- Major Funders (in Pearce’s Top 100 Contributors, 2016 Election):
  - **Oil & Gas:** Henry Resources (\$16,200), Mack Energy (\$10,800), Santo Petroleum (\$10,406), Enervest Ltd (\$10,000), Crownquest Operating (\$9,200), Yates Petroleum (\$8,900), Western Refining (\$8,100), ConocoPhillips (\$7,500), Featherstone Development (\$8,100), Halliburton Co. (\$7,650), Matador Natural Resources (\$5,500), Occidental Petroleum (\$5,500), Concho Resources (\$5,400), Tfh Rental Co. (\$5,400), Marbob Energy (\$5,400), ABO Petroleum (\$5,400), Gandy Corp. (\$5,400), Burlson Oil (\$5,400), Mesquite Services (\$5,400), Danny’s Hot Oil (\$5,200), Devon Energy (\$5,000), Bopco Lp (\$5,000), Chevron Corp. (\$5,000), Cimarex Energy (\$5,000)
  - **Grazing:** Gregory Rockhouse Ranch (\$10,500), DK Boyd Land & Cattle Co. (\$8,100)
  - **Mining:** Intrepid Potash (\$5,400), Freeport-McMoRan (\$5,000)
  - **Land Sales:** American Land Title Association (\$6,000)

**League of Conservation Voters National Environmental Scorecard:**

[Lifetime](#): 5 percent

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<sup>37</sup> The agribusiness sector includes: Crop Production & Basic Processing, Vegetables & Fruits, Sugar Cane & Sugar Beets, Tobacco, Dairy, Poultry & Eggs, Livestock, Agricultural Services & Products, Farm Bureaus, Food Processing & Sales, Food Products and Manufacturing, Food Stores, Meat Processing & Products, Forestry and Forest Products.