Statement of Ned Farquhar Deputy Assistant Secretary Land and Minerals Management Department of the Interior House Natural Resources Committee Subcommittee on Public Lands & Environmental Regulation H.R. 4017, To Designate a Peak Located in Nevada as "Mount Reagan" March 25, 2014

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on behalf of the Department of the Interior on H.R. 4017, to designate an unnamed peak located on Federal lands in Nevada as "Mount Reagan."

Background

This currently-unnamed peak is on Frenchman Mountain, in an area of public lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management's Southern Nevada District Office. The peak is primarily used for recreation and currently contains an airway beacon. The area is included in the BLM's Las Vegas Resource Management Plan (1998) and is included in the Rainbow Gardens Area of Critical Environmental Concern.

The Board on Geographic Names is the interagency organization of the U.S. Government established to maintain uniform geographic name usage throughout the Federal Government and is administered by the U.S. Geological Survey. The Board on Geographic Names does not take a position on the naming of features being considered by Congress.

H.R. 4017

H.R. 4017 would designate an unnamed peak located on BLM-lands in Nevada as "Mount Reagan", but would not impact management of the area. The Department does not have a position on H.R. 4017.

Conclusion

Thank you for the opportunity to testify today. I would be happy to answer any questions.