

Roan Plateau energy hearing canceled



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A congressional hearing about energy development on the Roan Plateau will not happen this week.

The Independent Petroleum Association of Mountain States sent out a news release last week saying the U.S. House Natural Resources Committee did not give Republicans enough time to make plans to attend the hearing, which the petroleum group said may be scheduled for May 4.

No other details were given.

The hearing had been in the planning stages, but the committee decided not to hold the session because of a scheduling conflict, according to Allyson Groff, the committee's communications director.

"The hearing was never even announced to members or to staff," she said.

No information was available this week about whether a hearing on development of the Roan Plateau will be scheduled for a later date.

Rep. John Salazar, D-Colo., and Rep. Mark Udall, D-Colo., met in Glenwood Springs in February with some conservation groups who want to see legislation introduced in Congress to protect the top of the Roan Plateau from energy development.

Salazar spokeswoman Tara Trujillo declined to comment about the canceled hearing, referring all questions to Groff.

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