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<p>B-Roll of a rancher looking out over an expanse of Colorado public lands.</p> <p>Cut to U.S. Capitol and then Denver Post reporter story.</p> <p><b>Super: "bill by Scott Tipton was largely written ... by Tipton's biggest campaign contributor"</b> --The Denver Post, 4/29/16</p>	<p><b>Voiceover Announcer:</b> It's our way of life.</p> <p>But in Washington...</p> <p><b>Reporter:</b> "A blatant case of special interests buying influence in Washington.</p> <p>A draft bill by Scott Tipton was largely written word for word by Tipton's biggest campaign contributor."</p>	<p><b>Tipton Released Legislation "Written Largely By An Energy Company That Is Also Tipton's Largest Campaign Contributor."</b> In April 2016, the <u>Denver Post</u> reported, "A draft bill released this month by U.S. Rep. Scott Tipton is taking heat from activists in the Thompson Divide region because of concerns his proposal to settle a fight over oil and gas drilling was written largely by an energy company that is also Tipton's largest campaign contributor. Under the proposal, oil and gas companies with leases in the Thompson Divide could trade their holdings in the wildlife haven for similar plots elsewhere in Colorado a goal of environmentalists and local leaders who want to keep it free from drilling. But the bill does not spell out a plan for long term conservation in the Thompson Divide. Opponents said its absence is indicative of where the Republican congressman got the idea for his proposed legislation: a draft bill put forward last year by SG Interests and Squire Patton Boggs, the lobbying firm working for the Texas based energy company at the time. In an interview, Tipton confirmed its origin, and documents obtained by The Denver Post show that Tipton's draft legislation duplicates word for word entire sections of the proposal offered by SG Interests." [<u>Denver Post</u>, <a href="#">4/29/16</a>]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Denver Post Headline: "Tipton Proposal, Largely Written By Oil And Gas Company, Draws Criticism."</b> [<u>Denver Post</u>, <a href="#">4/29/16</a>]</li> </ul> <p><b>Denver Post Reporter: Tipton's Bill Was A "Blatant Case Of Special Interest Buying Influence In Washington."</b> A 2016 political ad shows <u>Denver Post</u> reported Molly Hughes saying, "A blatant case of special interest buying influence in Washington ... A draft bill by Scott Tipton was largely written word for word by Tipton's biggest campaign contributor." [CBS4, <a href="#">10/1/16</a>]</p>
<p>B-Roll of Tipton and silhouette business meeting.</p> <p><b>Super: Congressman Tipton Offering Up Public Lands to Out-of-State Corporate Interests</b></p>	<p><b>Voiceover Announcer:</b> Tipton would offer up our public lands to out of state corporate interests.</p>	<p><b>Tipton Supported Increase in Domestic Drilling, Saying, He Would Push For Development Of Resources On Public Lands.</b> In 2011, Tipton criticized Secretary of the Interior Salazar, who had floated the idea of designating certain public lands (coined the "wildlands") blocked for energy exploration. Tipton said, "I applaud the Secretary for backing off a bad policy decision . . . That came about because of the things we've done in Congress. We need to actually be able to develop those resources, and I will push for that. Because I am talking to too many people that are suffering at the gas pump right now." [Aspen Daily News, <a href="#">6/6/11</a>]</p>



<p>B-Roll of Coloradans  <b>Super: Congressman Tipton Threatening Colorado Jobs</b></p>	<p>Threatening recreation, ranching, and Colorado jobs.</p>	<p><b>Tipton Co-Sponsored Legislation That Was Called “The Biggest Attack On Wilderness” In Modern History.</b> “Over 30 Colorado business leaders are asking U.S. Rep. Scott Tipton to reconsider his support of the Wilderness and Roadless Area Release Act saying it poses ‘a serious threat’ to their bottom line ... The Wilderness and Roadless Area Release Act, aka H.R. 1581, would undo the work put into the Colorado Roadless Rule and open up vast expanses of the American West to drilling, mining and roadbuilding. Its opponents have called it ‘the biggest attack on wilderness’ in modern history.” [Colorado Independent, <a href="#">12/13/11</a>]</p> <p><b>30 Colorado Business Leaders Wrote Tipton Expressing Disappointment That He Supported Anti-Wilderness Bill.</b> In December 2011, 30 Colorado business leaders wrote Tipton a letter requesting that he reconsider his support for the Wilderness and Roadless Area Release Act saying it posed “a serious threat” to their bottom line. The act would open up vast areas of protected lands to drilling, mining and road building. 360 The outdoor recreation industry said that they were “extremely disappointed” that Tipton was cosponsoring the act. “Our industry depends on the conservation of our public lands to provide places for our customers to use the products that we make and sell,” their letter states. “H.R. 1581 represents a serious threat to the outdoor recreation industry and the thousands of jobs and local communities we help support. It would also severely undermine the opportunities Americans have to enjoy their federal public lands.” Conservation and sportsmen groups — including Colorado Backcountry Hunters &amp; Anglers — have criticized Tipton over his support of H.R. 1581 and over other environmental issues. [Real Aspen, <a href="#">12/16/11</a>]</p> <p><b>The Outdoor Industry Assn. Said Roadless Areas, Threatened by H.R. 1581, “Play An Especially Important Role In Outdoor Recreation.”</b> “Tipton’s support of this ideologically driven GOP plan jeopardizes an important sector of the Colorado economy. These special areas, attracting visitors from all over the nation and world to experience the Colorado mountains, rivers and canyons, are vital to the state’s active outdoor recreation economy. ‘Inventoried roadless areas play an especially important role in outdoor recreation: offering close to home back country landscapes that support a range of recreational enjoyment,’ states the Outdoor Industry Association.” [Grand Junction Daily Sentinel, <a href="#">6/14/11</a>]</p> <p><b>Grazing Fees On Colorado’s Public Lands Are \$2.11 Per AUM, A Much Better Deal For Ranchers Than Grazing Fees On State Or Private Lands.</b> The Bureau of Labor Management’s federal grazing fee is \$2.11 per animal unit month (AUM). The Colorado State Land Board’s grazing fee, in 2016, is as high as \$19.06 per AUM. Private grazing fees in Colorado – in 2015 – averaged \$17 per AUM. [BLM,</p>
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<p>B-Roll of Congressman Tipton on House floor or in Committee. <b>Super: Congressman Tipton</b> <b>What’s Wrong with Washington</b></p>	<p>Congressman Tipton’s what’s wrong with Washington.</p>	
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