



For America's Heritage

Public Lands Foundation

P.O. Box 7226 Arlington, Virginia 22207

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Dear Representative:

I am the President of the Public Lands Foundation. We are a nonpartisan, nonprofit comprised primarily of hundreds of retired employees of the Bureau of Land Management. Our advocacy focus is to keep public lands in public hands and to support their professional management.

We are writing to share with you our statement of support for the Congressional Public Lands Caucus. The text is posted to our website and copied below. Public lands are a birthright and are essential to the health and well-being of all Americans. They must be safeguarded. However, the PLF does support land disposals consistent with the processes outlined in the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) and the Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act (FLTFA).

Public Lands Foundation (PLF) Statement of Support for the Congressional Public Lands Caucus

Since Keeping Public Lands in Public Hands is the primary advocacy focus of the Public Lands Foundation, we want to express our support for the Bipartisan Public Lands Caucus. We appreciate the efforts and commitment of Representatives Vasquez, Zinke, Simpson, and Dingell to ensure that the decisions made by this Congress do not jeopardize what is a uniquely American gift to all its citizens: public lands. The importance of public lands to the livelihoods and health of all Americans cannot be overstated.

PLF stands ready to work with Congress and the plethora of organizations who believe that public lands are essential and must remain in public hands, so they are accessible to all Americans, both now and in the future.

We appreciate your efforts to keep our Nation's public lands in public hands. If there is any way that we can assist you, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. My email address is mrugwell@publicland.org and my mobile number is 702-202-7428.

Sincerely,

Mary Jo Rugwell

President

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