

June 6, 2025

This Letter was sent to Representative Ryan Zinke,
Representative Mike Simpson, and Representative Troy Downing
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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 express our appreciation for your efforts in removing the provision for the sale of public lands from the reconciliation bill which was recently passed by the House of Representatives. Public lands are a birthright and are essential to the health and well-being of all Americans and 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).

We appreciate your efforts and trust that you will continue to lead the fight 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
Public Lands Foundation