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## **Support S.22 Omnibus Public Lands Management Act of 2009**

Dear Colleague:

America's vast landscapes are what make our country beautiful and unique. Soon Congress will have an historic opportunity to protect our beautiful landscapes and the natural resources associated with them by passing **The Omnibus Public Lands Management Act of 2009 (S.22)**.

The Omnibus Public Lands Management Act will benefit our entire nation. It allows for historical site preservation, forest lands and wildlife habitat protection, and assessment of the many uses of land and natural resources across the nation.

The language represents years of work by Members of the House and Senate from both sides of the aisle and from many states, in cooperation with local communities. It is important that we work together to protect and enhance the natural, cultural and historical resources which are integral to the identity of America. This bill does just that, ensuring the prolonged existence and availability of historical sites, forest lands, and natural resources for future generations.

Recently approved by the Senate, S.22 is expected to be up for consideration in the House soon. We urge you to support this important, bipartisan bill.

Sincerely,

Ben Ray Lujan  
United States Representative

Martin Heinrich  
United States Representative

Harry Teague  
United States Representative