

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

November 14, 2008

The Honorable Harry Reid
Majority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Majority Leader Reid:

Thank you for your commitment to consider the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2008 during a post-election session of the Senate in November. We appreciate your willingness to move this bipartisan legislation, which provides significant protections to public lands so important to all Americans. We fully support your efforts to pass this valuable omnibus measure.

The legislation contains more than 150 broadly supported individual provisions sponsored by over 50 of our Senate colleagues---both Democrats and Republicans. Most of these provisions have been developed over many years through extensive negotiations at the federal, state, county, and local levels, in conjunction with elected officials, local businesses, community leaders, outdoor enthusiasts, and other stakeholders.

The provisions in the package have proceeded through the regular order, receiving hearings and mark-up by the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee. Many of the bills contained in the package have already been approved by the House. Moving the omnibus lands bill this year will allow Congress to close this chapter on important public lands issues and begin fresh next year on a new energy and natural resources agenda.

Through your able leadership, we are confident the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2008 will receive Senate approval.

Sincerely,

Ron Wyden

Ken Salazar

Dianne Feinstein

Tom Reubens

Mike Crayon

Olympia Snowe

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