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Dear Senator:

On behalf of our 65,000 members and supporters I urge you to vote in support of S. 22, the Omnibus Public Lands Management Act of 2009. This legislation includes many important provisions for protecting and preserving America's best land and water resources. In particular, American Rivers strongly supports provisions of S. 22 that will designate new National Wild and Scenic Rivers in Oregon, California, Idaho, Arizona, Wyoming, and Massachusetts.

S. 22 is a compilation of over 150 bipartisan measures sponsored by 53 Senators (27 Democratic, 25 Republican, and 1 Independent) and 75 Representatives (39 Democratic and 36 Republican). All 150 measures enjoy robust local support from a diverse array of stakeholders and were favorably reported by the Energy and Natural Resources Committee in the 110th Congress.

This legislation includes protections for the Snake River headwaters in Wyoming, rivers on the flanks of Oregon's Mount Hood, rivers in Idaho's Owyhee-Bruneau Canyonlands and California's Eastern Sierra and Northern San Gabriel Wilderness, Fossil Creek in Arizona, and the Taunton River in Massachusetts. In addition, the Mississquoi and Trout Rivers in Vermont will be studied for Wild and Scenic eligibility.

Given the protection of over 270,000 acres of riparian land along over 1,000 miles of rivers, American Rivers strongly supports S. 22. I urge you to vote in favor of this legislation and preserving America's public lands and river heritage.

Sincerely,

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President