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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the National Wildlife Federation's (NWF) four million members and supporters, we urge you to support the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009, S. 22. This Act includes many important provisions for America's public lands and waters, which provide crucial habitat for game birds, deer, and elk and provide healthy watersheds and streams.

While there are two provisions in S. 22 that NWF does not support - the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge Land Exchange (Title VI, Subtitle E) and the Wolf Livestock Loss Demonstration Project (Title VI, Subtitle F) - on balance the legislation represents one of the most important land conservation measures acted on by Congress in 15 years. Please vote yes on S. 22 and oppose any motion to recommit.

The majority of the individual bills included in the Omnibus Public Land Management Act have been through the normal legislative process and enjoy broad bipartisan support. Many also passed the House last Congress.

Among the highlights of S. 22 that NWF strongly supports:

- Wild Monongahela Wilderness (Title I, Subtitle A and H.R. 5151), sponsored by Congressman Rahall(D-WV), passed in the House of Representatives
- Virginia Ridge and Valley Wilderness (Title I, Subtitle B and H.R. 1011), sponsored by Congressman Boucher (D-VA), passed in the House of Representatives
- Mount Hood Wilderness (Title I, Subtitle C and H.R. 6290), sponsored by Congressman Blumenauer (D-OR)
- Copper Salmon Wilderness (Title I, Subtitle D and H.R. 3513), sponsored by Congressman DeFazio(D-OR), passed in the House of Representatives
- Sabinoso Wilderness (Title I, Subtitle G and H.R. 2632), sponsored by Congressman Tom Udall (D-NM), passed in the House of Representatives
- Eastern Sierra and Northern San Gabriel Wilderness (Title I, Subtitle K and H.R. 6156), sponsored by Congressman McKeon (R-CA)

- Riverside County Wilderness (Title I, Subtitle L and H.R. 3682), sponsored by Congresswoman Bono Mack (R-CA), passed in the House of Representatives
- Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks Wilderness (Title I, Subtitle M and H.R. 3022), sponsored by Congressman Costa (D-CA), passed in the House of Representatives
- Rocky Mountain National Park Wilderness (Title I, Subtitle N and H.R. 2334), sponsored by Congressman Mark Udall (D-CO)
- National Landscape Conservation System (Title II, Subtitle A and H.R. 2016), sponsored by Congressman Grijalva (D-AZ)
- Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area (Title II, Subtitle E and H.R. 6162), sponsored by Congressman Salazar (D-CO)
- Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve boundary adjustment (Title VII, Subtitle A, Sec. 7105 and H.R. 162, H.R. 1387), sponsored by Congressman Jindal (R-LA) and Congressman Melancon (D-LA)

The Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 will conserve critical public lands and waters, which provide resources and recreation opportunities that drive local economies and provide important wildlife habitat. Please vote **yes** on the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to protect America's public lands heritage and oppose any motion to recommit. For more information, please contact Corry Westbrook at (202) 797-6840 or westbrook@nwf.org.

Sincerely,



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