

February 12, 2009

**RE: Support for S. 22, the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009**

On behalf of the undersigned hunting, angling, wildlife recreation and professional groups, we write to express our support for S.22, the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009. If passed, the package would safeguard some of the nation's best fish and wildlife habitat and places to hunt and fish including the Wyoming Range, the National Landscape Conservation System, and Copper Salmon in Oregon. **We urge you to support the bill when it comes to the House floor and to oppose a "motion to recommit" or any other amendments to change the bill. Such amendments would likely prevent the bill's passage and deeply disappoint sportsmen.**

As more and more lands are developed or posted off limits, the public lands become ever more important to sportsmen and sportswomen. Fifty percent of the nation's blue-ribbon trout streams and 80% of the best elk habitat are found on public lands. Hunting and fishing combined accounts for \$75.4 billion in economic output annually. The Omnibus package is vital to protecting the lands and waters that sustain our communities and enrich the hunting and fishing legacy of this nation. For these reasons, we urge you to vote yes on this historic, bipartisan bill, and to oppose any motion to recommit.

Sincerely,

American Fisheries Society  
American Fly Fishing Trade Association  
Archery Trade Association  
Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies  
Association of Northwest Steelheaders  
Backcountry Hunters and Anglers  
Berkley Conservation Institute  
Boone & Crockett  
Bowhunters of Wyoming  
Camp Fire Club of America  
Federation of Fly Fishers  
Mule Deer Foundation  
National Trappers Association  
National Wildlife Federation  
National Outdoor Leadership School  
Native Fish Society  
Northwest Sportfishing Industry Association  
Oregon Backcountry Hunters and Anglers  
Oregon Council- Federation of Fly Fishers  
Oregon Division- Izaak Walton League of America  
Pheasants Forever  
Pope & Young Club

Pure Fishing  
Quail Forever  
Quality Deer Management Association  
Southwest Oregon Chapter- Association of Northwest Steelheaders  
Sublette County Outfitters and Guides Association  
Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership  
Trout Unlimited  
Wildlife Forever  
Wildlife Management Institute, Inc.  
Wyoming Backcountry Horsemen  
Wyoming Biologists Association  
Wyoming Game Wardens Association  
Wyoming Outfitters and Guides Association  
Wyoming State AFL-CIO