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**WILDERNESS**  
— S O C I E T Y —

January 28, 2009

**RE: S. 22, the Omnibus Public Land Management Act**

Dear Representative:

The House will soon consider the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009. On behalf of the millions of members and supporters our organization represents, we urge you to support this important measure and oppose any recommittal motion.

The omnibus lands bill includes many important provisions for preserving America's public lands heritage. Key provisions would expand wilderness designations in nine states, designate new wild and scenic rivers, national scenic areas, and national heritage areas, and enshrine the National Landscape Conservation System.

The omnibus lands bill is a balanced, bi-partisan measure that includes provisions by Democratic and Republican authors. The vast majority of provisions included have little to no opposition, strong local support and broad, bi-partisan support in Congress.

We support the omnibus public lands bill and applaud the inclusion of so many significant wilderness and conservation measures in the package. We continue to oppose the provision that could result in de-designation of critical Wilderness habitat within the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska to allow the construction of a harmful and unnecessary road. However, on balance, the omnibus public lands bill makes nationally significant conservation gains and we urge you to support this important measure.

Please vote for the Omnibus Public Lands Management Act to protect America's public lands heritage and oppose any recommittal motion. For more information, please contact Paul Spitler at (202) 429-2672 or [paul\\_spitler@tw.s.org](mailto:paul_spitler@tw.s.org). Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

William H. Meadows  
President