President Barack Obama  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20500  

March 5, 2013  

Dear President Obama,  

From the winding footpaths of California’s Pacific Crest Trail, to the Peak of Cadillac Mountain at Maine’s Acadia National Park, our country's parks, forests and wildlife refuges are where Americans make some of their most cherished memories. Our nation’s public lands are an integral part of our recreational, cultural, historical and economic heritage. Yet many of these iconic landscapes are facing increasing threats from overdevelopment, pollution and underfunding.  

As a far-reaching coalition of groups ranging from environmentalists to veterans to hunters and anglers to local business owners and elected officials, we urge you to protect our nation’s treasured public lands. Future generations deserve the opportunity to experience these iconic pieces of our American legacy. You can help ensure their protection by calling for full funding of the Land and Water Conservation Fund in your upcoming FY14 budget proposal.  

Today we are sending you a list of 401 signers onto 16 state-specific letters to express the broad range of support that exists for protecting our public lands, and the programs they depend on, such as the Land and Water Conservation Fund. Each state-specific letter highlights local iconic parks, forests and wildlife refuges that are listed by that state below, along with that state’s signers to those letters. Each state’s letter to the president states:  

The annual diversion of Land and Water Conservation Fund funds to non-conservation purposes has left a legacy of backlogged conservation and recreation needs and missed opportunities to safeguard our natural heritage. In order to prevent this dangerous cycle of overdevelopment and increasing pollution, you must address the underfunding of our nation’s premiere fund for land and water conservation.  

President Obama, you have an opportunity to take an historic step towards providing our public lands with the environmental protection they desperately need and deserve. We applaud your recommendation of $900 million in your FY12 budget, and urge you to set a strong precedence for the remainder of your term by calling for full funding of the Land and Water Conservation Fund again in your upcoming FY14 budget.  

Sincerely,  
Margie Alt,  
Executive Director  
Environment America
NATIONAL GROUPS

Environment America
Natural Resources Defense Council
The Conservation Fund
The Trust for Public Lands
The Wilderness Society

STATE BASED LETTER COSIGNERS – (State Specific Locations included)

AZ-Petrified Forest National Park
BUSINESS OWNERS AND LOCAL GROUPS
Arizona Parks and Recreation Association
Grand Canyon Wild lands Council
Tucson Audubon
Friends of Sonoran Desert National Monument
Arizona Trail Association
Sky Island Alliance
Center for Biological Diversity
Concerned Climbers of Arizona
Save the Scenic Santa Ritas
Concerned Citizens and Retired Miners Coalition
Arizona League of Conservation Voters

CA-Pacific Crest Trail
ELECTED OFFICIALS
Tony Barrera-Councilmember Salinas City Council
Scott Wiener-Supervisor San Francisco County Council
Meg Courtney-Vice Mayor Fort Bragg
Stephany Aguilar-Councilmember Scotts Valley City Council
Bill Kampe-Mayor Pacific Grove
Kriss Worthington-Councilmember Berkeley County Council
Micah Posner-Councilmember Santa Cruz City Council
Toni Atkins-Assembly member District 78
Mark Leno-State Senator District 11
Jose Cataneda-Councilmember Salinas City Council
Libby Schaff-Councilmember Berkeley County Council
Kevin Mullin-Assembly member District 22
Len Rifkind-Councilmember Larkspur City Council
John Avalos-Supervisor San Francisco County Council
Susan Wengraf-Councilmember Berkeley County Council
Jyl Lutes-Councilmember Salinas City Council
Robert Huitt-Mayor Pro Tem Pacific Grove
Alexandra Stillman-Councilmember Arcata County Council
Don Lane-Councilmember Santa Cruz County Council
David J. Terrazas-Councilmember Santa Cruz County Council
Jim Beall-State Senator District 15
Bruce Delgado-Mayor Marina
Gail Morton-Councilmember Marina City Council
Jesse Arreguin-Councilmember Berkeley County Council
Jason Burnett-Mayor Carmel
Marty Block-Assembly member District 39
David Campos-Supervisor San Francisco County Council
Dennis Norton-Councilmember Capitola County Council
Jake Ours-Councilmember Santa Rosa County Council
Nancy Skinner-Assembly member District 14
David Chui-Supervisor San Francisco County Council
Dan Kalb-Councilmember Oakland County Council
Ian Oglesby-Mayor Pro Tem Seaside
Lynette Gibson McElhaney-Councilmember Oakland County Council
Roger Dickinson-Assembly member District 7
Noel Gallo-Councilmember Oakland County Council
Darryl More-Councilmember Berkeley City Council
Hannah-Beth Jackson-State Senator District 19
Das Williams-Assembly member District 37
Fran Pavley-State Senator District 27
Pedro Gonzalez-Mayor South San Francisco
Dave Turner-Mayor Fort Bragg
Eric Lucan-Mayor Pro Tem Novato
Sam Storey-Vice Mayor Capitola
David Weinsoff-Councilmember Fairfax County Council

BUSINESS OWNERS AND LOCAL GROUPS
Wilder Utopía
Wholly H2O
Ventana Wilderness Alliance
Tuleyome
Transition Santa Cruz
Theodore Payne Foundation for Wild Flowers & Native Plants
Surfrider
Students Promoting Environmental Action and Responsibility
Students for the Bernard Field Station
Southwest Council-International Federation of Fly Fishers
Smith River Alliance
Sierra Pacific Fly fisheries
Save the Frogs!
Santa Cruz Hub for Sustainable Living
Santa Cruz Fruit Tree Project
San Francisco Naturalist Society
Salmon Protection and Watershed Network
Salmon Protection & Restoration Network
Redwood Coast Land Conservancy
Pasadena Hiking Pacers
Pacific Forest Trust
Ocean Conservancy Society
Mountain Restoration Trust
Mountain Bikers of Santa Cruz
Mendocino Coast Cyclists
Mendocino Coast Botanical Gardens
Mendocino Area Parks Association
Green LA Coalition
Friends of the River
Friends of Santa Cruz State Parks
Forests Forever
Defenders of Wildlife
Central Coast Concerned Mountain Bikers
California Wilderness Coalition
California ReLeaf
California Native Plant Society
California League of Conservation Voters
Backcountry Horsemen

CO-Rocky Mountain National Park

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Ben Manvel-Councilmember Fort Collins, District 1
Bennett Boeschenstein-Councilmember Grand Junction
Bill L. Holen-County Commissioner District 5 Arapahoe County
Bill Pitts-Mayor Grand Junction, District at Large
Christina Rinderle-Councilmember Durango City Council
Cindy Domenico-Chair, County Commissioner District 3 Boulder County
Dallas Hall-Mayor Sheridan
Deb Gardner-County Commissioner District 2 Boulder County
Elise Jones-County Commissioner District 1 Boulder County
George Newman-County Commissioner Pitkin County
Gerry Horak-Councilmember Fort Collins, District 6
Gwen Lachelt-County Commissioner District 2 La Plata County
Jeanne Nicholson-State Senator District 16
Jill Ryan-County Commissioner District 1 Eagle County
Jon Stavney-County Commissioner Eagle County
Karen Weitkunat-Mayor Fort Collins
Kelly Ohlson-Mayor Pro Tem Fort Collins
Laura Luke-Mayor Pro Tem Grand Junction, District D
Lew Gaiter III-County Commissioner Larimer County
Luke Finken-Councilmember Leadville City Council
Nancy Jackson-County Commissioner District 4 Arapahoe County
Rachel Richards-County Commissioner District 2 Pitkin County
Randy Penn-Mayor Englewood
Rein Van West-President Western Colorado Congress
Roger Granat-Mayor Palisade
Steve Acquafresca-County Commissioner Mesa County
Sweetie Marbury-Councilmember Durango City Council
Tom Kenyon-Councilmember Grand Junction, District A
Travis Vieira-Mayor Wellington

BUSINESS OWNERS AND LOCAL GROUPS
San Juan Angler
Colorado Youth Outdoors
The Denver Fly Shop
Rivertrippers
Trailcology
Acquired Tastes, Inc.
Anglers All
Wilderness Workshop
Dvorak Expeditions
Quiet Use Coalition
Toads Guide Shop
The Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative
Grand Valley Audubon Society
Colorado Mountain Club
Rocky Mountain Orienteering Club (RMOC)
Fly Fishing Outfitters
Centennial Canoe Outfitters, Inc.
Estes Park Mountain Shop
Outdoor DIVAS
Great Old Broads for Wilderness
Charlie’s Fly Box Inc.
American Alpine Club
Colorado Outdoor Sports
Black Canyon Audubon Society
Regional Parks for the City of Lakewood
Rocky Mountain Nature Association
Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado
Loveland Mountain Club
Blazing Adventures
Rocky Mountain Audubon Society
Audubon Society of Greater Denver
National Wildlife Federation Rocky Mountain Regional Center
Ducks Unlimited, Littleton
Boulder County Audubon Society
Rocky Mountain Wild
Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory
Evergreen Audubon Society
EcoFlight
High Country Citizens’ Alliance
La Plata Open Space Conservancy
Colorado Open Lands
Central Colorado Wilderness Coalition
San Luis Valley Ecosystem Council
Natural Heritage Program
Crow Canyon Archaeological Center
South Metro Land Conservancy
Legacy Land Trust
Clean Energy Action
Denver Bassmasters
Colorado Trout Unlimited
Alpine Anglers (Trout Unlimited Chapter)
Evergreen Trout Unlimited
Grand Valley Anglers (Trout Unlimited Chapter)
St. Vrain Anglers (Trout Unlimited Chapter)
Discount Fishing
Boulder Flycasters
Isabelle Farm

CT-Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge
BUSINESS OWNERS AND LOCAL GROUPS
Calf Island Conservancy
Connecticut Forest and Park Association
Connecticut River Coastal Conservation District
Farmington River Watershed Association
Housatonic Valley Association
The Kent Land Trust
North Central District
Northwest Conservation District
Weantinoge Heritage Land Trust Inc.
GA- Chattahoochee National Forest
BUSINESS OWNERS AND LOCAL GROUPS
Georgia Trout Unlimited
Paradise Hills, Resort & Spa
A Step Above Stables
Alpine Cabins
Poplar Ridge Retreat
Bear Rock Ridge Bed & Breakfast
Horse Creek Stable Bed & Breakfast
Black Bear Cabin Rentals
Blue Ridge Inn Bed & Breakfast
The Vine Wine Bar & Bistro
Sisters Restaurant
Cycle South
The Overlook Inn Bed & Breakfast
Jon Ron Toccoa River Outfitters, LLC
Tiger Mountain Vineyard
The Cottage Vineyard & Winery
Bernie’s Restaurant & Nacoochee Valley
Bed & Breakfast At Swan Lake
Above the Rest Luxury Cabins

IA-Loess Hills State Forest
ELECTED OFFICIALS
Dan Kelley-State Representative House District 41
Nancy Boettger-State Senator District 29
BUSINESS OWNERS AND LOCAL GROUPS
Iowa Farmer's Union
Iowa Wildlife Federation
Iowa Audubon Society
Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation
Iowa Environmental Council
Friends of Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge
Gabrielle Roesch-Doctoral Candidate in Sustainable Agriculture, Iowa State
Jean McGuire-Doctoral Candidate in Rural Agriculture and Sociology, Iowa State
Active Endeavors Des Moines
Active Endeavors Iowa City
Active Endeavors Davenport
City of Sioux City
Raccoon River Watershed Association
Iowa Teaming With Wildlife Coalition
Iowa Chapter of the Wildlife Society
IL-Starved Rock State Park
BUSINESS OWNERS AND LOCAL GROUPS
Illinois Association of Park Districts

MI-Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore
BUSINESS OWNERS AND LOCAL GROUPS
Uncle Ducky Outdoors LLC
Elite Feet
Big Bob's Up North Outfitters

NC-Blue Ridge National Parkway
BUSINESS OWNERS AND LOCAL GROUPS
Townsend Bertram and Company
Owner Rum Runner Dive Shop
Great Outdoor Provision
NC Hunter Supply
Looking Glass Outfitters
Curtis Wright Outfitters
Apple Manor Inn
Albemarle Inn
Western North Carolina Alliance
Appalachian Trail Conservancy
Mountain Keepers
Carolina Mountain Land Conservancy
Foothills Equestrian Nature Center (FENCE)
The Orchard Inn
Catawba Valley Heritage Alliance
Foothills Conservancy of NC
River Link
Little Tennessee Land Trust
Friends of the Great Smoky Mountains
Marilyn's Melrose Inn
Burke Manor Inn

NM-Pecos National Historical Park & Tent Rocks National Monument & Gila National Forest
Elected Officials
Antonio "Moe" Maestas-Representative New Mexico House of Representatives
Bill B. O'Neil-Senator New Mexico State Senate
Bill Dimas-Councilor Santa Fe City Council
Bill McCamley-Representative New Mexico House of Representatives
Brian Egolf-Representative New Mexico House of Representatives
Carlos Cisneros-Senator New Mexico State Senate
Chris Calvert-Councilor Santa Fe City Council
Cisco McSorley-Senator New Mexico State Senate
Clemente Sanchez-Senator New Mexico State Senate
Daniel Ivey-Soto-Senator New Mexico State Senate
Dona Irwin-Representative New Mexico House of Representatives
Elizabeth "Liz" Thomson-Representative New Mexico House of Representatives
Gail Chasey-Representative New Mexico House of Representatives
Gerald Ortiz y Pino-Senator New Mexico State Senate
James Roger Madalena-Representative New Mexico House of Representatives
Jeff Steinborn-Representative New Mexico House of Representatives
Joseph Cervantes-Senator New Mexico State Senate
Liz Stefanics-Commissioner Santa Fe County Commission
Maggie Hart Stebbins-Commissioner Bernalillo County Commission
Michael Padilla-Senator New Mexico State Senate
Mimi Stewart-Representative New Mexico House of Representatives
Nick L. Salazar-Representative New Mexico House of Representatives
Patricia Roybal Caballero-Representative New Mexico House of Representatives
Peter Wirth-Senator New Mexico State Senate
Robert Lumpkin-Commissioner Tucumcari City Commission
Roberto "Bobby" Gonzales-Representative New Mexico House of Representatives
Sharon K. Thomas-Councilor Las Cruces City Council
Sheryl Williams Stapleton-Representative New Mexico House of Representatives
Stephanie Garcia Richard-Representative New Mexico House of Representatives
William P. Soules-Senator New Mexico State Senate

BUSINESS OWNERS AND LOCAL GROUPS
WildEarth Guardians
New Mexico Wilderness Alliance
Southwest Environmental Center
Organizers in the Land of Enchantment (OLÉ)
Bold Visions Conservation
River Source
Wild Earth Llama Adventures
Santa Fe Trail Association
New Mexico Land Conservancy
Santa Fe conservation Trust
Audubon New Mexico
Trout Unlimited Truchas Chapter
Trout Unlimited Gila/Rio Grande Chapter
NY-Adirondack Mountains & Catskill Mountains

ELECTED OFFICIALS
José Serrano-Senator-New York State Senate
Dominick Calsolaro-Common Council Member Albany Common Council
Susan J. Skidmore-Mayor Elmira, NY
Deborah J. Glick-New York State Assembly member
Fred W. Thiele, Jr.-New York State Assembly member
Ellen C. Jaffee-New York State Assembly member
Barbara Lifton-New York State Assembly member
Linda B. Rosenthal-New York State Assembly member
Margaret M. Markey- New York State Assembly member

BUSINESS OWNERS AND LOCAL GROUPS
WESPAC Foundation
WE ACT
United for Action
Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust
Time’s Up!
The Catskill Center For Conservation and Development
Sustainable Tompkins
Somers Land Trust
Rensselaer Plateau Alliance
Putnam County Coalition to Preserve Open Space
Peconic Land Trust
Oblong Land Conservancy
Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy
Human Impacts Institute
Hudson Highlands Land Trust
Group for the East End
Friends of the Old Croton Aqueduct, Inc.
Earth Day New York
Delaware Riverkeeper Network
Damascus Citizens for Sustainability
Columbia Land Conservancy, Inc.
Coalition for a Livable West Side
Catskill Citizens for Safe Energy
Bronx River Alliance
Battenkill Conservancy
Algonquin to Adirondacks Conservation Association
**OH- Cuyahoga Valley National Park**

**ELECTED OFFICIALS**
Joe McNamara-Councilman Toledo City Council
Rob Ludeman-Councilman Toledo City Council
Tim Murphy-Commissioner of Environmental Services
Dennis Garvin-Commissioner of Parks, Recreation & Forestry

**BUSINESS OWNERS AND LOCAL GROUPS**
Toledo Parks, Cemeteries & Forests
Land Conservancy of Hamilton County
Lake Erie Islands Chapter, Black Swamp Conservancy
Tecumseh Land Trust
Ohio League of Conservation Voters
Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park
Save the Dunes
Ouabache Land Conservancy

**OR-Crater Lake National Park & Lewis and Clark National Historical Park**

**BUSINESS OWNERS AND LOCAL GROUPS**
Friends of Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument
Forest Ethics
Klamath Forest Institute
Klamath-Siskiyou Wild lands Center

**PA- Allegheny National Forest & Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area**

**BUSINESS OWNERS AND LOCAL GROUPS**
York County Rail Trail Authority
Wyncote Audubon Society
Willistown Conservation Trust
Wildlands Conservancy
Watershed Alliance of Adams County
The Land Conservancy for Southern Chester County
The Conservancy of Montgomery County
Susquehanna Gateway Heritage Area
Standing Stone Trail Club, Inc.
Schuylkill County Conservancy
Presque Isle Audubon Society
Pocono Heritage Land Trust
Pine Creek Valley Watershed Association
Philadelphia Parks Alliance
Paddle Without Pollution
North Country Trail Association, Inc.
North Branch Lands Trust
North American Land Trust
Nine Mile Run Watershed Association
Natural Lands Trust
Natural Biodiversity
Mid State Trail Association
Lower Merion Conservancy
Lehigh Valley Audubon Society
Lehigh County Agricultural Center
Lancaster County Conservancy
Lackawanna River Corridor Association
Heritage Conservancy
Groups Against Smog and Pollution
Green Valleys Association
Friends of Heinz Refuge
Friends of Brandywine Battlefield
French & Pickering Creeks Conservation Trust
Foundation for Sustainable Forests
Farm & Natural Lands Trust of York County
Ecological Restoration Trust
Delaware Highlands Conservancy
Conodoguinet Creek Watershed Association
ClearWater Conservancy
Chester County Conservation District
Central Pennsylvania Conservancy
Brodhead Watershed Association
Berks County Conservancy
Bartramian Audubon Society
Appalachian Trail Conservancy

**UT- Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument**

**BUSINESS OWNERS AND LOCAL GROUPS**
Glen Canyon Institute
Momentum Indoor Climbing Gym
Grow Wild!

**VA-George Washington National Forest**

**BUSINESS OWNERS AND LOCAL GROUPS**
Potomac Conservancy
Potomac Appalachian Trail Club
Trinity Presbyterian Earth Care House Church