



December 8, 2014

Honorable Rob Bishop
United States House of Representatives
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Dear Congressman Bishop,

Please find attached 4 maps detailing the needs of the outdoor industry and recreation communities for San Juan, Grand, Emery and Uintah counties with regard to public land management.

These maps are based on the recreation audit created by Public Land Solutions (PLS) to determine the location of recreation assets through out Eastern Utah. Our goal here is to aid you in earning the endorsements of key national recreation organizations such as: The Outdoor Industry Association, the Outdoor Alliance, the International Mountain Bicycling Association, the Access Fund, American Whitewater, American Hiking Association, along with many other national groups. We will also be reaching out to local groups including The Moab Trails Alliance, Red Rock Fourwheelers, Friends of Indian Creek, Mountain Trails Foundation, and others.

Ideally, we would be able to seek these endorsements in advance of the bill's introduction. In our experience with bills around the country, post introduction tweaks to accommodate the needs of important groups are extremely inefficient and confusing to the public. The lack of endorsements at the time of introduction can lead to a great deal of fear and misunderstanding that can take months to repair. Therefore we encourage you to preview maps and language associated with this bill to key stakeholders such as PLS prior to introduction so that we may advise you how the recreation and outdoor business community might receive your proposals.

In addition, we will be working directly with the conservation and environmental organizations to address their concerns about recreation and, we hope, aid in earning their support for these boundaries. Many of these organizations have been working on public land bills for years and the current backlog of bills will affect their willingness to support a Utah bill. We hope there will be time to address some of this backlog prior to the introduction of a Utah bill. We believe an effort in this direction would lay the groundwork for strong support for the Utah bill.

We truly appreciate all your work and that of your staff on Utah's public lands and look forward to working with you to move this effort across the finish line.

Best regards,

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