

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 nations 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 Utopia
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 Boeschstein-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'Neill-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