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RE: Your letter of July 19, 2011 soliciting recommendations for wilderness designation by Congress

Dear Mr. Palma:

This responds to your July 19, 2011 letter asking us to recommend lands that Congress should designate as wilderness.

At this time our county is opposed to the creation of any additional wilderness areas within our county boundaries. This opposition is consistent with the sentiment of the majority of our citizens. We request that you respect the wishes of the majority as conveyed through the policy of we their elected leaders, and convey to Secretary Salazar that there is not sufficient public support in Beaver County for additional wilderness here.

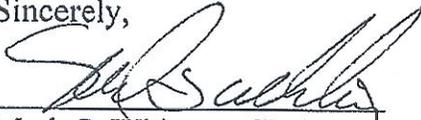
Our county has, in the past, engaged in a multi-lateral grass roots effort to determine which lands Congress should consider for additional wilderness designation. Many stakeholders were at the table in these County driven discussions. During the Public Hearing portion of this process there appeared to be reasonable consensus by the stakeholders that Beaver County citizens were/are opposed to the creation of any additional wilderness areas within our county boundaries

In case you happen to receive recommendations from any citizen, organization or entity, to have Congress designate additional lands inside our

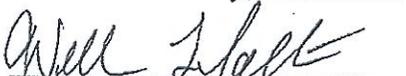
county as wilderness, we request that you provide us copies of all such recommendations and related documents for our review and comment. We ask in the strongest terms that you not act on any such wilderness recommendation from any citizen, organization or entity, unless and until you have given us sufficient time to review and comment on any such recommendation.

The official spokespersons for the citizens at large in Beaver County are we the County's elected governing board. That is the essence of our constitutional form of representative government. Therefore, we urge that you comply with this request and not consider or act upon any wilderness recommendation from any private citizen, entity, organization, association or group other than the County itself, until you have informed us of such recommendation, provided copies of all associated maps and other documents, and given us sufficient time and opportunity to comment. Then we ask you to give prime consideration to our input as the local elected leaders in this county.

Sincerely,

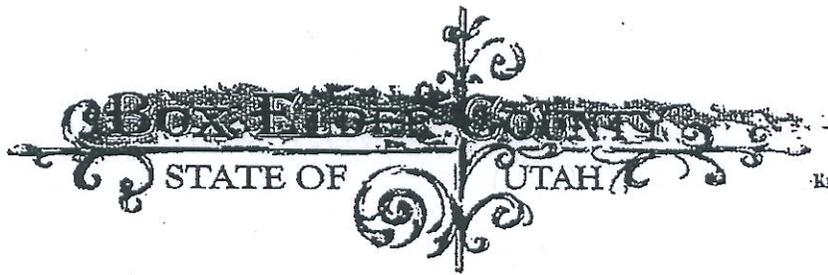

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August 3, 2011

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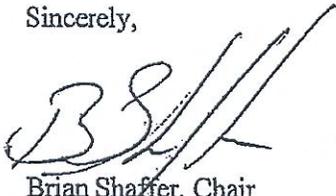
At this time our county is opposed to the creation of any additional wilderness areas within our county boundaries. This opposition is consistent with the sentiment of the majority of our citizens. We request that you respect the wishes of the majority as conveyed through us, their local elected leaders, and convey to Secretary Salazar that there is not sufficient public support in Box Elder County for additional wilderness.

In case you happen to receive recommendations from any citizen, organization or entities to have Congress designate additional lands inside our county as wilderness, we request that you provide us copies of all such recommendations and related documents for our review and comment. We ask in the strongest terms that you not act on any such wilderness recommendation from any citizen, organization or entity unless and until you have given us sufficient time to review and comment on any such recommendation.

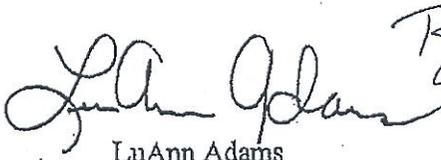
The official spokespersons for the citizens at large in Box Elder County are the county commissioners. That is the essence of our constitutional form of representative government. Therefore, we urge that you comply with this request and not consider or act upon any wilderness recommendation from any private citizen, entity, organization, association or group other than the county itself, until you have informed us of such recommendation, provided copies of all associated maps and other documents, and given us sufficient time and opportunity to

comment. Then we ask you to give prime consideration to our input as the local elected leaders in this county.

Sincerely,



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Mr. Juan Palma, Utah State BLM Director
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*Re: Carbon County's response to the July 19, 2011 correspondence soliciting
recommendations for wilderness designation by Congress*

John Jones
Commissioner
(435) 636-3271

Dear Director Palma,

The Board of Commissioners of Carbon County, Utah are in receipt of your letter seeking our involvement, support and input to identify BLM managed public lands within the boundaries of Carbon County that we believe would merit permanent protection as wilderness under Section 603 of the Federal Lands Policy And Management Act (FLPMA).

Jae Potter
Commissioner
(435) 636-3273

The Carbon County Commission and those we represent are opposed to the creation of any additional wilderness areas in Carbon County. Our priority is to create sustainable jobs that collectively improve and stabilize the economic environment of our county and thereby this country. Wilderness will not allow that priority to be fulfilled.

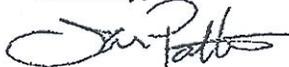
Based on this goal, we feel that BLM needs to utilize recent technology to resurvey existing Wilderness Study Areas (WSA's) in Carbon County to determine if those lands submitted to Congress in BLM's 1991 Report for 603 wilderness designation would still, qualify under this new scrutiny and that the highest value is indeed wilderness/recreation use alone or that some of these areas would be better used for multiple uses including mining and oil and gas development as well as recreation, helping to improve the economy of our country.

We further ask that you respect the wishes of the majority of our county residents as conveyed through our county policies and we their elected leaders, and convey to Secretary Salazar the fact that there is not sufficient public support in Carbon County for BLM/DOI to consider management or submission of additional wilderness areas here. As the representatives of hard working energy producing families who for the last 100 plus years have contributed significantly to the strength and security of this nation through natural resource extraction and use yet still have landscapes and vistas that are unparalleled in beauty, we see no agency need to intercede by the use of restrictive protectionism. We submit that instead your agency considers utilizing your limited budget to help us create more jobs.

We further ask you to inform us if you receive recommendations from any citizen, organizations or entities, to have Congress designate additional lands inside our county as wilderness and do not act on them on your own volition. In addition we request that you provide us copies of all such recommendations and related documents for our review and comment. For BLM to unilaterally act on such wilderness recommendations from any citizens, organization or entity would effectively qualify as ignoring this correspondence would not be acceptable to us, the state of Utah, and our Congressional delegation nor to those we represent.

The official spokespersons for the citizens in Carbon County are The Board of County Commissioners. That is the essence of our constitutional form of representative government. Therefore, we urge that you comply with this request and not consider or act upon any wilderness recommendation unless the County itself requests it and a resolution is passed by the State Legislature to allow for support by our Congressional Delegation. Anything less will be considered a violation of your policies, Congressional authority and a Constitutional violation.

Sincerely,



Jae Potter,
Commission Chairman

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August 5, 2011

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RE: Your letter of July 19, 2011 soliciting recommendations for wilderness designation by Congress

Dear Mr. Palma:

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At this time our county is opposed to the creation of any additional wilderness areas within our county boundaries. This opposition is consistent with the sentiment of the majority of our citizens. We request that you respect the wishes of the majority as conveyed through the policy of we their elected leaders, and convey to Secretary Salazar that there is not sufficient public support in Daggett County for additional wilderness here.

In case you happen to receive recommendations from any citizen, organization or entity, to have Congress designate additional lands inside our county as wilderness, we request that you provide us copies of all such recommendations and related documents for our review and comment. We ask in the strongest terms that you not act on any such wilderness recommendation from any citizen, organization or entity, unless and until you have given us sufficient time to review and comment on any such recommendation.

The official spokespersons for the citizens at large in Daggett County are we the County's elected governing board. That is the essence of our constitutional

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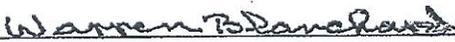
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form of representative government. Therefore, we urge that you comply with this request and not consider or act upon any wilderness recommendation from any private citizen, entity, organization, association or group other than the County itself, until you have informed us of such recommendation, provided copies of all associated maps and other documents, and given us sufficient time and opportunity to comment. Then we ask you to give prime consideration to our input as the local elected leaders in this county.

Sincerely,

DAGGETT COUNTY COMMISSION


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August 1, 2011

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RE: Your letter of July 19, 2011, soliciting recommendations for wilderness designation by Congress

Dear Mr. Palma:

This responds to your July 19, 2011 letter asking us to recommend lands that Congress should designate as wilderness. We appreciate being asked for input.

At this time, our county is opposed to the creation of any additional wilderness areas within our county boundaries. This opposition is consistent with the sentiment of the majority of our citizens. We request that you respect the wishes of the majority as conveyed through the policy of us; their elected leaders, and convey to Secretary Salazar that there is not sufficient public support in Duchesne County for additional wilderness here.

Duchesne County has adopted a general plan that includes policies pertaining to the use of public lands within our county. With respect to wilderness, Duchesne County's position is stated below:

"Wilderness Designations

Duchesne County is host to approximately 289,311 acres of federally designated wilderness, which comprises 13.3 percent of the county's land area. Land features include vistas of high barren peaks, dense lodge pole forests, rugged canyon lands, lakes and streams, and significant watershed areas. The County has previously made a disproportionate contribution to the nation's wilderness system.

Although Duchesne County acknowledges the values of the High Uintah wilderness Area, use is highly restricted and does not provide the desired wilderness experience for the vast majority of citizens. Wilderness designation is inconsistent with the philosophy of multiple use and sustained yield and adversely affects the County's economy in terms of the grazing, tourism, and timber industries and water resources.

It is the position of Duchesne County that:

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- a. *Wilderness designation is inconsistent with the multiple use mandate.*
- b. *Additional wilderness designation shall be opposed.*
- c. *Such designations shall provide access for reservoirs, maintenance of irrigation facilities, fire, weed and pest control.*
- d. *Valid existing rights are to be protected in wilderness areas.*
- e. *Proper monitoring of the affect of a wilderness area on the community and economic stability of the county shall be required."*

Based on the above provisions of the Duchesne County general plan, please be clear that we vigorously oppose the creation of any additional wilderness areas in our county. Not only is this opposition consistent with the opinions of our constituents, it is consistent with the opinions of a majority of citizens of the State of Utah.

Enclosed is a copy of Table 36, taken from the December 2008 statewide survey of Utah residents conducted by Utah State University. This independent survey polled citizen attitudes toward public lands issues, including wilderness designations. The results of this scientific survey demonstrate that only 15% of state residents support a major increase in wilderness. The data show that a strong majority of citizens in all areas of the state (with the exception of Morgan, Summit and Wasatch Counties) believe that wilderness acreage should be reduced or stay about the same. Even in the highly-populated Wasatch Front (Davis, Salt Lake, Utah and Weber Counties) a majority of 48.9% of respondents wanted wilderness acreage to stay about the same or be reduced compared to 39.1% who wanted wilderness acreage increased by a moderate to major amount. The support for wilderness designation is considerably less in rural areas of the state.

In case you happen to receive recommendations from any citizen, organization or entity to have Congress designate additional lands inside our county as wilderness, we request that you provide us copies of all such recommendations and related documents for our review and comment. We ask in the strongest terms that you not act on any such wilderness recommendation from any citizen, organization or entity, unless and until you have given us sufficient time to review and comment on any such recommendation.

The official spokespersons for the citizens at large in Duchesne County are we; the County's elected governing board. That is the essence of our constitutional form of representative government. Therefore, we urge that you comply with this request and not consider or act upon any wilderness recommendation from any private citizen, entity, organization, association or group other than the County itself, until you have informed us of such recommendation, provided

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copies of all associated maps and other documents, and given us sufficient time and opportunity to comment. Then we ask you to give prime consideration to our input as the local elected leaders in this county.

If individual counties choose to follow the "Washington County approach" and identify additional wilderness as part of a locally-driven planning process, we have no objection to that.

Sincerely,

DUCHESNE COUNTY COMMISSION



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August 1, 2011

Juan Palma
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Dear Mr. Palma,

Emery County has been through a very lengthy process receiving input from all stakeholders in the community to create a Public Lands Bill concerning the use of public lands and the establishment of Wilderness Areas. We have a draft that we are readying for presentation in congress. This bill addresses wilderness and other public land resources and issues. We have no desire to recommend any "crown jewels" for wilderness designation without the passage of our Public Lands Bill. They go together. We have presented this draft to neighboring counties and the Price BLM office. We would like to present it to you.

We are very concerned with Secretary Salazar's letter concerning our "crown jewels" to be considered for wilderness. We would like to meet with you and anyone interested from your office to make you aware of our Public Lands Bill and the Wilderness Areas it addresses.

It is imperative that any lands in Emery County suggested for wilderness designation be approved by the Emery County Commission. We, therefore, request a meeting with your office at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

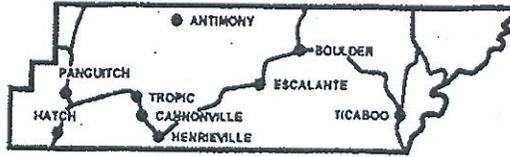
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August 1, 2011

Mr. Juan Palma, Utah State BLM Director
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RE: July 19, 2011 Letter Soliciting Recommendations for Wilderness

Dear Director Palma:

Please consider this letter Garfield County's official position in response to your July 19, 2011 letter regarding Secretary Salazar's plan to recommend to Congress the designation of more wilderness areas.

Garfield County is adamantly opposed to the designation of anymore wilderness areas within the boundaries of our County. We know that our position is consistent with the sentiment of a large majority of our citizens.

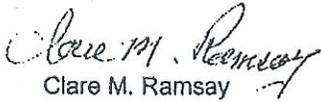
Secretary Salazar mentions "crown jewels" to be recommended to Congress for wilderness consideration. Recognizing the fact that Garfield County is home to three national parks, a national monument, a national recreation area, two state parks, a 25,000 acre designated Wilderness Area, plus 528,958 acres of WSAs, which are currently being managed as de facto wilderness and thousands of additional acres of National Forest and Interior Department lands - making a total federal share of 93% of Garfield County's land area, it is our conclusion that the "crown jewels" of Garfield County are adequately protected. We also affirm the vast majority of Wilderness Study Area lands in Garfield County do not qualify for wilderness consideration and should be released from interim management protection and returned to multiple use / sustained yield management.

We in Garfield County are aware of language in the 1964 Wilderness Act that states in order to qualify for wilderness designation an area must consist of at least 5000 acres, be roadless, be untrammelled by man, and provide outstanding opportunities for solitude and/or primitive recreation. We contend there are no such areas left in Garfield County that will qualify for wilderness designation if the criteria stated in the Wilderness Act is adhered to. So our message to Secretary Salazar is no new wilderness designations in Garfield County. We also ask in the strongest terms that you do not act on any wilderness recommendation from any citizen, organization or entity unless and until you have given us sufficient time to review and comment on any such recommendation.

The official spokespersons for the citizens of Garfield County are the County's duly elected governing board. We urge you to comply with this request and implement the principles of consistency, cooperation with local government and coordination to the maximum extent allowed by law. We also urge postponement of any consideration or action upon any wilderness recommendation from any citizen, entity, organization, association, or group until you have a) informed us of such recommendation, b) provided copies of all associated maps, documents and

analysis, and c) provide sufficient time and opportunity for comment, cooperation, consistency, and coordination. We ask that the entire process be conducted in strict conformance with existing law and that prime importance be given to consistency and coordination with local plans, programs and policies. Of necessity this will require the input and involvement of local elected officials.

Sincerely,


Clare M. Ramsay

Commission Chair


H. Dell LeFevre

Commissioner


Leland F. Pollock

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August 2, 2011

Mr. Juan Palma, Utah State Director
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Re: Your Letter of July 19, 2011 Soliciting Recommendations for Wilderness Designation by Congress

Dear Mr. Palma:

This responds to your July 19, 2011 letter asking us to recommend lands that Congress should designate as wilderness.

The deadline of August 12th does not provide Grand County with the time to adequately consider the matter at hand. However, attached is "The Wilderness Plan", adopted in 1999 as an amendment to the Grand County General Plan.

Grand County would like to emphasize that a multi-lateral grass roots effort to determine which lands Congress should consider for additional wilderness designation is preferable to the process intimated by Mr. Salazar in his 6/10/2011 memo to Congress. Grand County would prefer engaging many local stakeholders in County-driven discussions aimed at forming a consensus for recommendations delivered to our Utah Congressional delegation in the form of a draft bill.

In case you happen to receive recommendations from any citizen, organization or entity to have Congress designate additional lands inside our county as wilderness, we request that you provide us copies of all such recommendations and related documents for our review and comment. We ask in the strongest terms that you not act on any such wilderness recommendation from any citizen, organization or entity unless and until you have given us sufficient time to review and comment on any such recommendation.

The official spokespersons for the citizens at large in Grand County are we, the County's elected governing board. That is the essence of our constitutional form of representative government. Therefore, we urge that you comply with this request and not consider or act upon any wilderness recommendation from any private citizen, entity, organization, association or group other than the County itself, until you have informed us of such recommendation, provided copies of all associated maps and other documents, and given us sufficient time and opportunity to comment. Then we ask you to give prime consideration to our input as the local elected leaders in this county.

Sincerely,

Chris Baird, Chair
Grand County Council

Encl: "The Wilderness Plan," Adopted as an Amendment to the Grand County General Plan,
September 20, 1999

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At this time our county is opposed to the creation of any additional wilderness areas within our county boundaries. This opposition is consistent with the sentiment of the majority of our citizens. We request that you respect the wishes of the majority as conveyed through the policy of we their elected leaders, and convey to Secretary Salazar that there is not sufficient public support in Iron County for additional wilderness here.

In case you happen to receive recommendations from any citizen, organization or entity, to have Congress designate additional lands inside our county as wilderness, we request that you provide us copies of all such recommendations and related documents for our review and comment. We ask in the strongest terms that you not act on any such wilderness recommendation from any citizen, organization or entity, unless and until you have given us sufficient time to review and comment on any such recommendation.

The official spokespersons for the citizens at large in Iron County are, we, the County's elected governing board. That is the essence of our constitutional form of representative government. Therefore, we urge that you comply with this request and not consider or act upon any wilderness recommendation from any private citizen, entity, organization, association or group other than the County itself, until you have informed us of such recommendation, provided copies of all associated maps and other documents, and given us sufficient time and opportunity

to comment. Then we ask you to give prime consideration to our input as the local elected leaders in this county as is required under 43 U.S.C.1712.

Sincerely,



Alma L. Adams
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August 1, 2011

Juan Palma, Utah State BLM Director
Bureau of Land Management
PO Box 45155
Salt Lake City, UT 84145-0155

RE: Your letter of July 19, 2011 soliciting recommendations for
wilderness designation by Congress

Dear Mr. Palma:

This letter is in response to your July 19, 2011 letter asking the Juab County Commissioners to recommend lands that Congress should designate as wilderness. At this time Juab County is opposed to the creation of any additional wilderness areas within our county boundaries. This opposition is consistent with the sentiment of the vast majority of our residents. As Commissioners, we request that you respect the wishes of the majority, as we their elected leaders, request that you convey to Secretary Salazar that there is no significant public support in Juab County for additional wilderness here.

In case you happen to receive any recommendations from any citizen, organization or entity, in regards to designating additional lands inside our county as wilderness, we request that you provide us copies of all such recommendations and related documents for our review and comment. We want to make it painstakingly clear that you not act on any such wilderness recommendations from any citizen, organization or entity within or without Juab County, unless and until you have given us sufficient time to review and comment on any such recommendation.

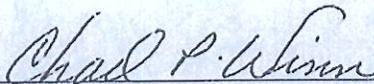
As the county's elected governing board, we are the official spokespersons for the residents at large in Juab County. That is the essence of our constitutional form of representative government. Therefore, we urge that you comply with this request and not consider or act upon any wilderness recommendation from any private citizen, entity, organization, association or group other than the County itself, until you have informed us of such recommendation, provided copies of all associated maps and other documents, and given us sufficient time

and opportunity to comment. Then we ask you to give prime consideration to our input as the local elected leaders in Juab County.

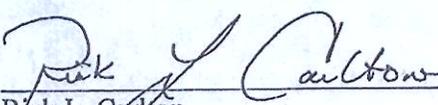
Sincerely,



Val W. Jones
Chairman Juab Board of Commissioners

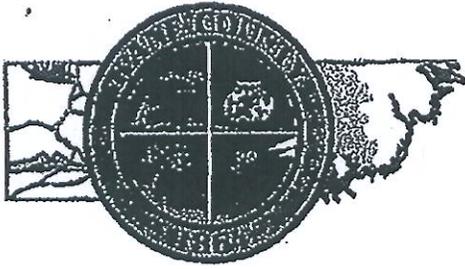


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Rick L. Carlton
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KANE COUNTY COMMISSION

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August 8, 2011

Juan Palma
State Director
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RE: Invitation to propose lands for wilderness designation

Dear Mr. Palma:

Thank you for your letter of July 19 inviting our input into Mr. Salazar's wilderness recommendation to Congress. As you know, close to ninety percent of the land in Kane County is currently managed by the Federal Government with much of that land currently in Wilderness Study designation. Were it possible to negotiate a guaranteed release of significant portions of the WSA lands in exchange for some wilderness, the Kane County Commission may be interested in a negotiation process, however in view of Secretary Salazar's apparent agenda to prioritize wilderness over multiple use of the public lands, and no way to guarantee that any arrangement we could arrive at would be binding, the Kane County Commission feels it would not be in the best interests of the residents of Kane County to recommend any of the lands within Kane County for Wilderness designation. To do so would be to irretrievably lock away even more of the lands upon which our people so heavily depend to a situation of no multiple use which is contrary to the purpose and intent of our general plan.

In view of these facts we respectfully decline to recommend any additional lands in Kane County for wilderness designation.

The official spokesman of the citizens at large in Kane County based on our Constitutional form of government is the County elected board, and in the event that you should receive recommendations from any citizen, organization or entity, to have congress designate additional lands within our county as wilderness, we request that you provide us copies of all such recommendations and related documents for our review and comment. We ask in the strongest terms that you not act on any such wilderness recommendation from any citizen, organization or entity unless or until you have given us sufficient time to review and approve any such

recommendation.

Best Regards,



Douglas K. Heaton
Kane County Commission Chairman

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July 27, 2011

Juan Palma, Utah State BLM Director
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RE: Your letter of July 19, 2011 soliciting recommendations for wilderness designation by Congress

Dear Mr. Palma:

This responds to your July 19, 2011 letter asking us to recommend lands that Congress should designate as wilderness.

At this time our county is opposed to the creation of any additional wilderness areas within our county boundaries. This opposition is consistent with the sentiment of the majority of our citizens. We request that you respect the wishes of the majority as conveyed through the policy of us, their elected leaders, and convey to Secretary Salazar that there is not sufficient public support in Millard County for additional wilderness here.

In case you happen to receive recommendations from any citizen, organization or entities, to have Congress designate additional lands inside our county as wilderness, we request that you provide us copies of all such recommendations and related documents for our review and comment. We ask in the strongest terms that you not act on any such wilderness recommendation from any citizen, organization or entity, unless and until you have given us sufficient time to review and comment on any such recommendation.

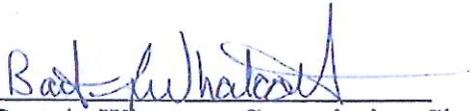
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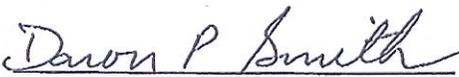
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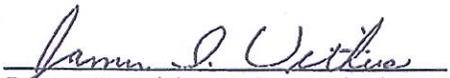
Commissioner James I. Wilbers
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The official spokespersons for the citizens at large in Millard County are we the County's elected governing board. That is the essence of our constitutional form of representative government. Therefore, we urge that you comply with this request and not consider or act upon any wilderness recommendations from any private citizen, entity, organization, association or group other than the County itself, until you have informed us of such recommendation, provided copies of all associated maps and other documents, and given us sufficient time and opportunity to comment. Then we ask you to give prime consideration to our input as the local elected leaders in this county.

Sincerely,


Bart A. Whatcott, Commission Chair


Daron P. Smith, Commissioner


James I. Withers, Commissioner

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**Piute County Commission
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July 27th, 2011

Juan Palma, Utah State BLM Director
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RE: Your letter of July 19, 2011 soliciting recommendations for wilderness designation by Congress

Dear Mr. Palma:

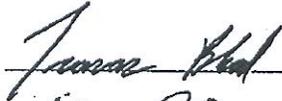
This responds to your July 19, 2011 letter asking us to recommend lands that Congress should designate as wilderness

Our county is already engaged in a multi-lateral grass roots effort to determine which lands Congress should consider for additional wilderness designation. Many stakeholders are at the table in these County driven discussions, including relevant local Federal land management agencies. Rather than make separate recommendations to you pursuant to your July 19th letter, we prefer to continue to let this already established multi-lateral grass roots process run its course in our county. When that process has run its course and if there appears to be reasonable consensus by the stakeholders, we will make recommendations not to the BLM, but directly to our Utah Congressional delegation in the form of a draft bill for them to introduce.

In case you happen to receive recommendations from any citizen, organization or entity to have Congress designate additional lands inside our county as wilderness, we request that you provide us copies of all such recommendations and related documents for our review and comment. We ask in the strongest terms that you not act on any such wilderness recommendation from any citizen, organization or entity, unless and until you have given us sufficient time to review and comment on any such recommendation.

The official spokespersons for the citizens at large in Piute County are we the County's elected governing board. That is the essence of our constitutional form of representative government. Therefore, we urge that you comply with this request and not consider or act upon any wilderness recommendation from any private citizen, entity, organization, association or group other than the County itself, until you have informed us of such recommendation, provided copies of all associated maps and other documents, and given us sufficient time and opportunity to comment. Then we ask you to give prime consideration to our input as the local elected leaders in this county.

Sincerely,



COUNTY COMMISSION





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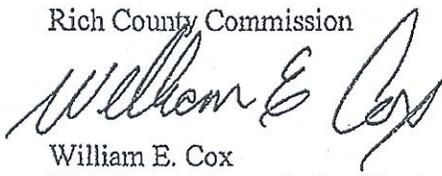
August 3, 2011

To: Juan Palma
State BLM Director

The Rich County Commission has no BLM lands that are ready for designation as wilderness.

If we can be of any further assistance feel free to contact us.

Rich County Commission



William E. Cox
Rich County Commission Chariman

San Juan County



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SAN JUAN COUNTY COMMISSION

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August 1, 2011

Juan Palma, Utah BLM Director
Bureau of Land Management
PO Box 45155
Salt Lake City, UT 84145-0155

RE: Your letter of July 19, 2011 soliciting recommendations for wilderness designation by Congress

Dear Mr. Palma:

We are responding to your July 19, 2011 letter asking us to recommend lands that Congress should designate as wilderness.

This request from the Department of Interior is a top-down process which puts us in the position, once again, of having to react rather than continuing with the process that had already been agreed to. It creates only uncertainty and mistrust. A recommendation, such as has been requested from our County, deserves more consideration than you have allowed. It deserves to have input from the citizens of our County who will be most affected. If we have learned anything from our participation in the lands bills process it is that the devil is in the details, and the details take time to get right.

This piece-meal, rushed approach to wilderness is ill conceived: politics, not preservation, seem to be its driving force. It is contrary to the "from the ground up" process praised by you and Secretary Salazar.

San Juan County is already engaged in a multi-lateral grass roots effort to determine which lands Congress should consider for additional wilderness designation. Many stakeholders are at the table in these discussions including the County and relevant local Federal land management agencies. Rather than make separate recommendations to you pursuant to your July 19th letter, we prefer to continue to let this already-established process run its course in our County. When that process has run its course, and if there appears to be reasonable consensus by the stakeholders, our Utah Congressional delegation will introduce a San Juan County lands bill.

In the event that you receive recommendations from any citizen, organization, or entity, to have Congress designate additional lands inside San Juan County as wilderness, we request that you provide us copies of all such recommendations and related documents for our review and comment. We ask in the strongest terms that you not act on any such wilderness recommendation unless and until you coordinate your plans with those of our County. Title II,

Section 202 (c) (9) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 states that land use plans of the Secretary shall be consistent with State and local plans to the maximum extent consistent with Federal law.

As San Juan County's elected governing board, we are the official representatives of the citizens of the County. That is the essence of our constitutional form of representative government. As such officials, we are authorized, by terms of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act, to furnish advice to the Secretary with respect to land management issues. Therefore, we urge that you comply with our request and not consider or act upon any wilderness recommendation which is not part of the planning already in progress.

We appreciate the difficult task that you face in your role as the State Director. We wish to be coordinating partners in developing reasonable and comprehensive conservation solutions.

Sincerely,



Bruce B. Adams
Commission Chairman

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August 2, 2011

Juan Palma, Utah State BLM Director
Bureau of Land Management
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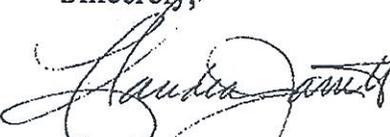
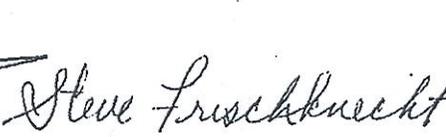
At this time our county is opposed to the creation of any wilderness areas within our county boundaries. This opposition is consistent with the sentiment of the majority of our citizens. We request that you respect the wishes of the majority as conveyed through the policy of we, their elected leaders, and convey to Secretary Salazar that there is not sufficient public support in Sanpete County for any wilderness here.

In case you happen to receive recommendations from any citizen, organization or entity, to have Congress designate any lands inside our county as wilderness, we request that you provide us copies of all such recommendations and related documents for our review and comment. We ask in the strongest terms that you not act on any such wilderness recommendation from any citizen, organization or entity, unless and until you have given us sufficient time to review and comment on any such recommendation.

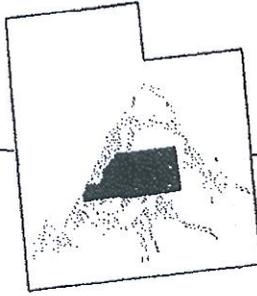
The official spokespersons for the citizens at large in Sanpete County are we the County's elected governing board. That is the essence of our constitutional form of representative government. Therefore, we urge that you comply with this request and not consider or act upon any wilderness recommendation from any private citizen, entity, organization, association or group other than the County

itself, until you have informed us of such recommendation, provided copies of all associated maps and other documents, and given us sufficient time and opportunity to comment. Then we ask you to give prime consideration to our input as the local elected leaders in this county.

Sincerely,

		
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July 28 2011

Juan Palma, Utah State BLM Director
Bureau of Land Management
PO Box 45155
Salt Lake City, UT 84145-0155

RE: Your letter of July 19, 2011 8500 (UT-934)

Dear Mr. Palma:

This responds to your July 19, 2011 letter asking us to identify so-called "crown jewels" to be considered by Congress for wilderness designation.

Through the past planning processes for all federal land in Sevier County, no lands have been identified as candidates for wilderness, so at this time our county is opposed to the creation of any wilderness areas within our county boundaries. This opposition is consistent with the sentiment of the majority of our citizens and past federal planning processes. We request that you respect past planning processes and the wishes of the majority of our citizens as conveyed through the policy of we the County Commissioners as their elected leaders, and convey to Secretary Salazar that there is not public support in Sevier County for any wilderness designation in our county.

In case you happen to receive recommendations from any citizen, organization or entities, to have Congress designate lands inside our county as wilderness, we request that you provide us copies of all such recommendations and related documents for our review and comment. We ask in the strongest terms that you not act on any such wilderness recommendation from any citizen, organization or entity, unless and until you have given us the officials elected to represent the people of Sevier County sufficient time to review and comment on any such recommendation.

The official spokespersons for the citizens at large in Sevier County are we the members of County's elected governing board. That is the essence of our

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Juan Palma, Utah State BLM Director
July 28, 2011

constitutional form of representative government. Therefore, we urge that you comply with this request and not consider or act upon any wilderness recommendation from any private citizen, entity, organization, association or group other than the County itself, until you have informed us of such recommendation, provided copies of all associated maps and other documents, and given us sufficient time and opportunity to comment. Then we ask you to give prime consideration to our input as the local elected leaders in this county.

Sincerely,
SEVIER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Gordon Topham



Gary Mason



Tooter Ogden

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**TOOELE
COUNTY**

September 7, 2011

Juan Palma, Utah State BLM Director
Bureau of Land Management
PO Box 45155
Salt Lake City, UT 84145-0155

RE: *Your letter of July 19, 2011 soliciting recommendations for wilderness designation by Congress*

Dear Mr. Palma:

This responds to your July 19, 2011 letter asking us to recommend lands that Congress should designate as wilderness.

At this time our county is opposed to the creation of any additional wilderness areas within our county boundaries. This opposition is consistent with the sentiment of the majority of our citizens. We request that you respect the wishes of the majority as conveyed through the policy of we their elected leaders, and convey to Secretary Salazar that there is not sufficient public support in Tooele County for additional wilderness here.

In case you happen to receive recommendations from any citizen, organization or entity, to have Congress designate additional lands inside our county as wilderness, we request that you provide us copies of all such recommendations and related documents for our review and comment. We ask in the strongest terms that you not act on any such wilderness recommendation from any citizen, organization or entity, unless and until you have given us sufficient time to review and comment on any such recommendation.

The official spokespersons for the citizens at large in Tooele County are we the County's elected governing board. That is the essence of our constitutional form of representative government.

Colleen S. Johnson
Chairman

J. Bruce Clegg

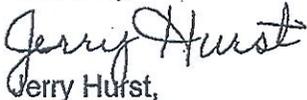
Jerry Hurst

Cheryl A. Adams
Administrative Assistant

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Therefore, we urge that you comply with this request and not consider or act upon any wilderness recommendation from any private citizen, entity, organization, association or group other than the County itself, until you have informed us of such recommendation, provided copies of all associated maps and other documents, and given us sufficient time and opportunity to comment. Then we ask you to give prime consideration to our input as the local elected leaders in this county.

Sincerely,



Jerry Hurst,
Tooele County Commission

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August 30, 2011

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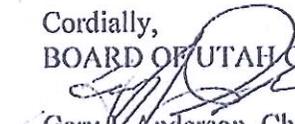
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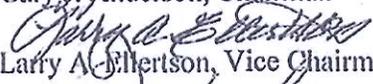
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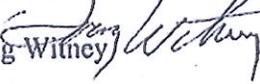
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Cordially,
BOARD OF UTAH COUNTY COMMISSION


Gary J. Anderson, Chairman


Larry A. Ellertson, Vice Chairman


Doug Witney

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Senator Mike Lee
Congressman Rob Bishop
Congressman Jim Matheson
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UINTAH COUNTY



STATE OF UTAH

Our past is the nation's future.

July 28, 2011

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Dear Mr. Palma:

This responds to your July 19, 2011 letter asking us to recommend lands that Congress should designate as wilderness.

At this time our county is opposed to the creation of any additional wilderness areas within our county boundaries. This opposition is consistent with the sentiment of the majority of our citizens. We request that you respect the wishes of the majority as conveyed through the policy of we, their elected leaders, and convey to Secretary Salazar that there is not sufficient public support in Uintah County for additional wilderness here.

In 1991 at the end of the FLPMA Section 603 15 year wilderness study area review, and again in 1993 when reporting to Congress on the results of that study, Secretary of Interior Lujan and President Clinton found that no wilderness study areas in Uintah County are suitable for Congressional wilderness designation. The Winter Ridge WSA in Southern Uintah County was found not to be suitable because, among other reasons, of its important mineral potential. That mineral potential is still as strong as ever, so not only is the Winter Ridge WSA not suitable for wilderness designation, but rather that WSA should be released back into multiple use management to access the mineral potential there.

In case you happen to receive recommendations from any citizen, organization or entity for Congress to designate additional lands inside our county as wilderness, we request that you provide us copies of all such recommendations and related documents for our review and comment. We ask in the strongest terms that you not act on any such wilderness recommendation from any citizen, organization or entity, unless and until you have given us sufficient time to review and comment on any such recommendation.

The official spokespersons for the citizens at large in Uintah County are we the County's elected governing board. That is the essence of our constitutional form of representative government. Therefore, we urge that you comply with this request and not consider or act upon any wilderness recommendation from any private citizen, entity, organization, association or

group other than the County itself, until you have informed us of such recommendation, provided copies of all associated maps and other documents, and given us sufficient time and opportunity to comment. Then we ask you to give prime consideration to our input as the local elected leaders in this county.

Sincerely,

UINTAH COUNTY COMMISSION



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RE: Your letter of July 19, 2011 soliciting recommendations for wilderness designation by Congress

Dear Mr. Palma:

Thank you for your recent visit to Washington County. We very much enjoyed our meeting with you and your local staff. The land patent we received from you at that time was a result of the successful passage of the Washington County Lands Bill in March of 2009. The land will serve a very worthy public purpose, and we thank you for your help and that of the local BLM staff.

As you know, our Lands bill was a very public process that involved many stakeholders. Public outreach meetings were held throughout the county. These meetings, held in conjunction with our Vision Dixie initiative, were attended by hundreds of local citizens. As a result of this very public process, which lasted more than five years, more than a hundred and twenty-five thousand acres of additional land were identified as suitable for wilderness designation. And this land, by an act of Congress, was consequently so designated. Other lands, not meeting the wilderness criteria, were dismissed from wilderness consideration.

Because this unique and recent inventory and planning effort was ratified by the Congress of the United States and signed into law by President Obama, we feel that Washington County has already complied with the letter and intent of Secretary Salazar's request. Secretary Salazar has spoken highly of our Lands Bill, even telling us that this should be a pattern for other counties to follow.

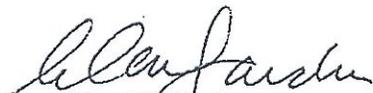
In spite of our successful Lands Bill, it is possible that you might receive recommendations from others wishing to have Congress designate further land in Washington County as wilderness. If that should happen, we would like to request that you provide us copies of all such recommendations and related documents for our review and comment. We would also ask that you be respectful of the Lands Bill by not acting on any such wilderness recommendation from any citizen, organization or entity.

The Washington County Board of Commissioners is the county's duly elected governing board. That is the essence of our constitutional form of representative government. Therefore, we urge that you comply with this request and not consider or act upon any wilderness recommendation

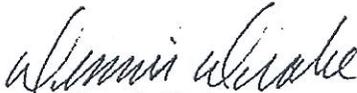
from any private citizen, entity, organization, association or group other than the county itself.
We ask you to give prime consideration to our input as the local elected leaders in this County.

Respectfully Submitted,

WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSION



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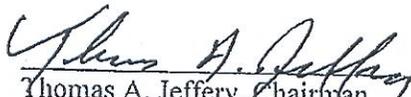
Thank you for your request for recommendations of lands for wilderness designation.

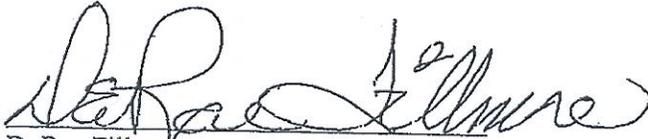
Wayne County is currently working on a comprehensive lands bill for consideration by Congress. Among other things, this bill will include recommendation of lands for wilderness designation, if at the conclusion of the process that is determined to be the appropriate course.

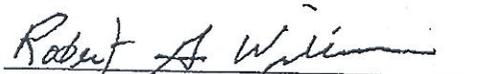
We are in the early stages of the process. Other organizations, individuals, as well as state and federal agencies are involved. Therefore, it would be premature to recommend wilderness designation for any lands at this time.

We believe that any recommendation to Congress for wilderness designation of lands in Wayne County would add confusion to the process and be counterproductive. Therefore, we ask that the BLM not make such recommendations until Wayne County has a proposed bill available for Congressional consideration.

Sincerely,
Wayne County Commission


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