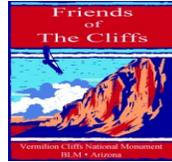


COLORADO PLATEAU COALITION



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Honorable Rob Bishop
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Dear Representative Bishop,

Several months ago you sent letters to a group of organizations asking for input and priorities for developing comprehensive land use legislation for eastern Utah. The Colorado Plateau Coalition respectfully requests to be included in those communications and information gathering efforts.

The Colorado Plateau Coalition is a unique group of service organizations devoted to stewardship of 130,000 square miles of stunning landscape stretching through large portions of Colorado, Utah, New Mexico, Arizona and Nevada. This physiographic region is not only home to the highest concentration of National Parks in the country; it also boasts many of the crown jewels of the BLM's National Conservation Lands. These federally designated conservation areas, such as Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument and McInnis Canyons National Conservation Area, Vermillion Cliffs National Conservation Area, as well as important BLM Wilderness Study Areas encompass some of the best wilderness, cultural, biological and recreational resources in the country.

Our diverse constituency and unique conservation perspective within the National Conservation Lands make us an important tool in public lands management across the Colorado Plateau region. CPC's mission statement reads: "We are Friends groups coordinating our efforts to protect, restore and expand BLM's National Conservation Lands in the Colorado

Plateau region. We unite our efforts to be more effective in the region through sharing our expertise and geographic knowledge.”

Southern Utah is home to two of our “Friends” groups and we very much want to be part of discussions and efforts to craft legislation that will govern federal lands in southeastern Utah. Our priority is focused on San Juan County and especially Cedar Mesa. Only through an open inclusive effort and a consensus driven process will legislation be crafted as an enduring legacy from Congressman Bishop and the Utah delegation.

It is our hope that you will welcome involvement from the Colorado Plateau Coalition, as we welcome the opportunity.

Sincerely,

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