



March 14, 2013

Honorable Rob Bishop
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Dear Representative Bishop,

Through various meetings and communications, it has come to our attention that you recently sent letters to select conservation organizations asking for input and priorities for developing comprehensive land use legislation for eastern Utah. Great Old Broads for Wilderness respectfully requests to be included in your communications and information gathering efforts.

Great Old Broads for Wilderness (Broads) is a national organization that gives voice to the millions of older and sometimes not so able Americans who wish to see our wild public lands protected for future generations. Broads has more than twenty-three years of experience advocating for and working to protect our beloved Utah wild lands. We have much value to add to the conversation and want to participate in efforts to craft legislation that will protect these resources while meeting a diversity of public desires and needs.

Our Associate Director, Rose Chilcoat participated in and presented at each of Senator Bennett's six meetings regarding a San Juan County land use bill. From that and other failed experiences, we hope your effort will provide a different approach and will include all stakeholders, involving the give and take of an expertly facilitated and truly collaborative consensus-driven process. For these reasons, you will find us as signers on the letter sent today by the Grand Canyon Trust with input regarding a process for developing comprehensive land use legislation.

We hope to receive a letter requesting our input to your process, similar to that sent to others working on Utah wild lands issues.

Sincerely,

Shelley Silbert
Executive Director