



July 20, 2013

The Honorable Rob Bishop  
U.S. House of Representatives  
123 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Bishop:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide more input on Utah wilderness issues as part of your larger stakeholder process.

Per our March 13, 2013 letter, we suggested the Uinta Basin be managed as an Energy Priority Area. We also expressed support for the State Institutional Trust Lands Administration's (SITLA) "Grand Bargain" process for exchanging lands that are more suitable for conservation and those that are better put to productive use. We continue to be very supportive of SITLA's land exchange effort, especially as it leads to more lands available in the Uinta Basin in particular for oil and natural gas development.

Another suggestion we made was for releases of administrative designations in areas prospective for oil and natural gas. At this time, we would like to be more specific in suggesting lands identified as Wilderness Study Areas (WSA) and non-WSA lands with wilderness characteristics (also known as BLM natural areas) that should revert back to multiple use.

We would like to propose the following WSAs be released and returned to multiple use: Jack Canyon, Desolation Canyon, Eagle Canyon, and Winter Ridge.

We would like to propose the following lands with wilderness characteristics (or BLM natural areas) be released and returned to multiple use: Desolation Canyon, Kings Canyon, Desborough Canyon, Never Sweat Wash, Hatch Point, Coyote Wash, Horse Bench, 4 Mile Wash, Eagle Canyon, Nine Mile Canyon, and White River.

Thank you again the opportunity to participate in this multi-stakeholder effort.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. Sgamma", with a horizontal line underneath.

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