

Utah Farm Bureau President Leland Hogan:

“Bishop is relying on Utah values that embrace reasonable and balanced use of the public lands in Utah. Bishop believes that through his Public Lands Initiative, Utahns can reassess federal land management and local needs and address future land ownership patterns in Utah that benefits both conservation and multiple uses. Utah Farm Bureau applauds Congress- man Bishop’s leadership on this issue and his efforts to find a permanent solution that offers greater certainty.” -[Utah Farm Bureau News, Fall Edition](#)

Congressman Jason Chaffetz (UT-03):

“San Juan County residents have a historic opportunity to join an effort that could bring resolution and finality to unsettled federal land management disputes within this county... Supporting energy development does not make me less of a conservationist. I support land conservation. But too often environmental groups present a false choice of land conservation or development. It’s not an either/or proposition. When local citizens are involved in the planning process, development and conservation can co-exist.” -[San Juan Record, November 06, 2013](#)

Bill Hedden, executive director of the Grand Canyon Trust; Bobby McEnaney, senior lands program advocate for the Natural Resources Defense Council; Tim Wagner, of the Sierra Club’s Our Wild America Campaign; and Scott Groene, executive director of the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance:

“Conservation organizations such as ours are working diligently with the Utah delegation in Rep. Rob Bishop’s effort to create legislation that would resolve the unfinished business of wilderness protection in Eastern Utah... If we all keep working hard, a good outcome is possible. We commend Bishop, Rep. Jason Chaffetz and their staffs for their demonstrated commitment to what is an incredible challenge. We vow to match that commitment, and look forward to it.” -[Salt Lake Tribune, October 09, 2013](#)

Emery County Commissioner Jeff Horrocks, Uintah County Commissioner Mike McKee, San Juan County Commissioner Phil Lyman, Grand County Commissioner Gene Ciarus, Carbon County Commissioner John Jones and Wayne County Commissioner DeRae Fillmore:

“The congressional delegation’s comprehensive land planning initiative is one of the vehicles to enact needed [land management] reforms. Partnerships like those at Sand Flats Recreation Area can and must be replicated in our counties as part of the

initiative. This would ensure that worthy landscapes, local economies and recreational opportunities are protected and bolstered — the proverbial win-win outcome.” -[Salt Lake Tribune, October 05, 2013](#)

Leland Hogan, The Utah Farm Bureau; Kathleen Sgamma, Western Energy Alliance; Casey Snider, Trout Unlimited:

“For too long, debates over the management and control of public lands have devolved into a polarized and entrenched argument between extremes that serves no one well. For that reason, we welcome Congressman Rob Bishop’s recent efforts to break up this logjam, and to bring interested parties together in an effort to find common ground.” -[Salt Lake Tribune, September 14, 2013](#)

Governor Gary R. Herbert and Congressman Rob Bishop (UT-01):

“One of the driving justifications for this extensive collaborative effort is our belief that consolidating trust lands in energy-rich areas in exchange for protection of some of Utah’s iconic and sensitive landscapes is good for school kids, good for the environment and good for Utah.” -[Salt Lake Tribune, September 14, 2013](#)

Public Lands Director for the PEW Charitable Trusts Mike Matz:

“We are talking with county commissioners, representatives of SITLA, officials with development groups, and staff in Rep. Bishop’s office and others in the delegation. We’re unrolling our draft maps, showing these stakeholders our proposal, and seeking their advice and guidance on every parcel. We want to do right by wilderness and protect lands that are important for wildlife, archaeological resources, water and air quality, and recreation. But we also want to do what’s good for the people who live near these places. That’s exactly the kind of win-win solution we look for.” -[PEW Column, October 16, 2013](#)

Assistant U.S. Attorney General Anthony L. Rampton, who serves as Utah’s lead counsel on the Transfer of Public Lands Act and R.S. 2477 lawsuit:

“I see no conflict between Rep. Bishop’s initiative and the larger effort under HB 148. To the contrary, in my mind they are complimentary. They are both intended to find realistic solutions to the very complex problems that presently exist in the ownership and administration of the public lands. Because the Bishop initiative is on a faster track, the lessons learned in this more limited effort will inform how we can more effectively proceed in the larger effort.”

