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The Honorable Ron Wyden
Chairman
Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
United States Senate
304 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

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The Honorable John A. Barrasso  
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Chairman
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
B-308 Rayburn House Office Building
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Committee on Natural Resources  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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Ranking Member
Subcommittee on National Parks,
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Committee on Natural Resources
U.S. House of Representatives
H2-186 Ford House Office Building
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Committee on Agriculture  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Department Operations,  
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Committee on Agriculture  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1305 Longworth House Office Building  
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