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Committee on Indian Affairs  
United States Senate  
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The Honorable Robert Bishop
Chairman
Subcommittee on Public Lands
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Committee on Natural Resources
U.S. House of Representatives
1017 Longworth House Office Building
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The Honorable Raúl M. Grijalva  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Public Lands  
and Environmental Regulation  
Committee on Natural Resources  
U.S. House of Representatives  
H2-186 Ford House Office Building  
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The Honorable Timothy Walz
Ranking Member
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Committee on Agriculture
U.S. House of Representatives
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Chairman  
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Vice Chair  
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Committee on Appropriations
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