

February 3, 2011

The Honorable Ken Salazar  
Secretary  
US Department of the Interior  
1849 C Street, N.W.  
Washington DC 20240

Dear Secretary Salazar,

The 73 undersigned elected officials from Colorado are writing to thank you for the important Secretarial Order that you announced on December 23<sup>rd</sup>, restoring the path toward protection for wild lands across the West and acknowledging the important role of wilderness in the multiple uses of our public lands. Since the passage of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) in 1976, identifying and protecting wilderness values has been part of the BLM's mandate. Secretarial Order 3310 recognizes this mandate and ensures that wilderness qualities on critical landscapes throughout the West will be considered in public lands management decisions.

Wild lands provide an important economic engine in the West and across the entire United States – visitors come from around the nation and world to visit our prized landscapes and tourism has remained a reliable economic driver for generations. In fact, activities like hunting, hiking, camping, skiing and fishing support nearly 6.5 million jobs in the United States, and provide a \$730 billion annual contribution to the United States economy.<sup>1</sup> Protecting the lands that sustain this income is common sense.

We look forward to following your progress on implementation of Secretarial Order 3310, and working with our local BLM offices to make sure that wilderness values of our local landscapes are inventoried and duly considered in management decisions. We again thank you for moving forward with this important Order, which restores needed balance to public land management in the West.

Sincerely,

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<sup>1</sup> Outdoor Industry Foundation. *"The Active Outdoor Recreation Economy"*  
<http://www.outdoorindustry.org/images/researchfiles/RecEconomypublic.pdf?26>

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