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The Honorable Steve Daines  
U.S. Senate  
320 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Daines:

We are writing to express our support for a Congressional Review Act resolution by Sen. Lisa Murkowski expressing congressional disapproval of the final rule submitted by the Director of the Bureau of Land Management relating to resource management planning.

We believe the final rule still front loads public comments, which could give people outside the planning area more opportunities to influence planning documents, restricts consistency reviews with state, local plans, policies and programs. Also, the final rule replaces decision authority at the "state director and field manager" with the "BLM" in general. That could centralize more influence in Washington.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

Best Regards,

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