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The Honorable Paul Ryan
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
H-232, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
House Majority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
H-107, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Steve Scalise
House Majority Whip
U.S. House of Representatives
2338 Rayburn HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Ryan, Majority Leader McCarthy, and Majority Whip Scalise,

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) recently published a final rule amending regulations that establish procedures for Resource Management Planning (RMP) (43 CFR Part 1600). The final rule decreases the BLM's accountability for cooperating with state and local governments. Specifically, it minimizes state and local government plans, programs and policies and the important role these entities should play in final RMP decisions.

This rule is a prime candidate for Congressional analysis under the Congressional Review Act (CRA). I ask that you bring this rule to the full House for consideration under the CRA for a floor debate. The BLM can and must involve state and local governments in RMP decisions and it must respect the role of state and local governments.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Matthew H. Mead".

Matthew H. Mead
Governor

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cc: The Honorable Mike Enzi, U.S. Senate
The Honorable John Barrasso, U.S. Senate
The Honorable Liz Cheney, U.S. House of Representatives
The Honorable Mitch McConnell, Senate Majority Leader, U.S. Senate
The Honorable John Cornyn, Senate Majority Whip, U.S. Senate
The Honorable Lisa Murkowski, Chairman, Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, U.S. Senate