

Dear [Governor/county commissioner/tribal leader/etc]

Last month, Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar sent a letter to all Members of Congress asking them to identify lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) that are ready for designation as wilderness by the Congress. Attached is a copy of Secretary Salazar's letter and the accompanying press release.

The Secretary indicated that he wants to work with Members of Congress, States, Tribes, and local communities to identify candidates for Congressional designation. While only Congress may enact legislation designating wilderness, Secretary Salazar plans on sending his recommendations to Congress by mid-October on "crown jewels" for their consideration. Therefore, I would like to solicit your input on potential recommendations, consistent with the Secretary's letter to Members of Congress.

Please provide me with any proposals you would like the BLM to consider for inclusion in the Secretary's October report to Congress by August 12, 2011.

Thank you for your continuing interest in the management of public lands and in our efforts to conserve our country's most special lands.

Sincerely,

State Director

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