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Congressman Rob Bishop
c/o Fred Ferguson and Casey Snider
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Dear Congressman Bishop:

Thank you again for the opportunity to resolve several long-standing public land-use issues via your willingness to act as our congressional sponsor for a public lands bill.

On March 9th, we finished our third recommendations meeting and we have attached our proposal for the Greater Big Flat and Labyrinth Canyon Region of Grand County. We would be grateful if you would begin to incorporate these recommendations into your initiative. It is important to note that these recommendations are subject to change pending the outcome of our public hearing on March 17th. Final recommendations are scheduled to be approved on March 31st.

Please find attached shape files and .pdf maps of our proposed land-use designations for this region. These maps include lands we'd like designated as wilderness, as national recreation areas, and areas along Labyrinth Canyon and its tributaries intended for mineral withdrawal and 'no surface occupancy' leasing. The maps also include routes that we recommend to be closed, as well as roads that we are reviewing for seasonal closure.

The management objectives and target legislative language for the NRAs is yet to be developed, however we expect to produce a rough concept by March 17th.

It is also important to note that the accuracy of the shape files are intended only to be illustrative of our intentions. However, where existing landmarks (such as roads, trails, property boundaries, political boundaries, etc) exist it will be necessary to seek more authoritative data. While most of our boundaries will likely be self-evident, some may come from data that you may not have (local trail systems, watershed boundaries, etc.). Feel free to contact us with any questions, we would be happy to clarify.

Again, thank you for championing a locally derived solution to federally owned land management in Grand County. If you have any questions please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,


Elizabeth A. Tubbs, Chair
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Attachments:

Map & .shp files, Big Flat & Labyrinth - Wilderness, NRA, Mineral and Surface Stipulations