

House Committee/Natural Resources
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Honorable Representative – Fill in the name (18 Democrats):

I am writing to urge you to protect our Public Lands. You, and the other Democrats as members of the House Committee on Natural Resources, are the hope of the future. I am not a constituent. However, your decisions, your actions, your votes directly affect me and effect the larger world. Forever.

Please, please hold the line against those who want to mine, drill and rape our Public Lands and Parks. I am tired of hearing what the “American People Want.” I am an American and this is not what I want. What it smacks of is Corporate Greed. *What the American people want are thinking elected officials in office. And the American people, the people I talk to, want Public Lands to be protected and saved for future generations as well as today’s enjoyment.* As you notice from my return address, I live in Wisconsin. Young people who choose to stay here say they do so because of Wisconsin’s natural resources. For now, Wisconsin still has amazing parks, forests and resources. That is rapidly being trashed by decisions being made both in Madison (Governor Walker) and in Washington (current administration/Secretary Zinke).

Once again, our precious earth is being threatened. Not by hurricanes, not by wildfires, not by earthquakes, but by US – HUMANS. I ask myself, why do we need to be the predator? We - who have a conscience and ability to think ahead, problem solve, create, make plans, predict the future and the possible results of our decisions. Why?

You have the power to protect and save stunning, precious wild lands and archaeological sites for future generations. Power, also to allow the destruction of that which can never be created again. These places are not coming back. The seizure of public lands has long lasting, serious impacts. It’s not like filling a hole. It’s gone – forever. It is an awesome responsibility.

These lands do not belong to an individual State. State lines are man-made ‘imaginary’ lines on a map. The lay of the land, the geography was there long before those lines were drawn. And these geographical wonders should be here long after you and I are long gone. My hope is that you can stand up against the Republican pressure and the “Anti-Park Caucus” of 20. Fight for that which has no voice: our land, our wildlife, our waterways.

My guess is that, you – as a Democrat – believe as passionately as I do, about saving our Public Lands. Be a Steward – defend our Land and Water. I am depending on you.

Be Responsible.
Sincerely,

Penny Scribner