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Assistant to the President for Energy and Climate Change, Obama Administration

To Ms. Carol Browner:

On behalf of the following conservation groups and our millions of members across the country, we want to thank President Obama for his campaign commitment to safeguard wildlife and natural resources from the impacts of global warming.

Natural resources are the backbone of public health and the American economy. Healthy natural systems provide clean water, clean air and protect communities from catastrophic weather-related disasters, ranging from hurricanes to floods to forest fires. Outdoor recreation, which is based on our nation's natural environment and includes hunting, fishing, camping, climbing, hiking, paddling, backcountry skiing, mountain biking, wildlife viewing, and other activities, contributes a total of \$730 billion annually to the economy, supporting 6.5 million jobs (1 of every 20 jobs in the U.S.), and stimulates 8% of all consumer spending, according to The Outdoor Foundation. The economic value of the natural environment is far higher when the vast range of ecosystem services is also included; conservative estimates tally these benefits at trillions of dollars annually. Given the grave threats posed by global warming, investing in our natural resources today will provide huge economic benefits for generations.

Safeguarding natural resources, oceans, wildlife populations and the people that rely on these resources is also a moral issue. The United States has an historic opportunity to help sustain today's unsurpassed natural legacy for our children and grandchildren, but we will need to invest in our natural resources if they are to survive a changing climate.

We applaud the following commitment President Obama made during the campaign in his energy plan regarding how a cap-and-trade program should be implemented:

"A small portion of the receipts generated by auctioning allowances will be used... to provide new funding to state and federal land and wildlife managers to restore habitat, create wildlife migration corridors, and assist fish and wildlife to adapt to the effects of a warming climate."

We further applaud the reiteration of this position in President Obama's *Plan to Support the Rights and Traditions of Sportsmen*.

We look forward to working with you, the full Obama Administration and the incoming Congress to accomplish our shared goal of protecting wildlife and natural resources from the impacts of global warming.

Sincerely,

National Organizations

Access Fund
American Canoe Association
American Fisheries Society
American Hiking Society
American Lands Alliance
American Littoral Society
American Rivers
American Whitewater
American Wild Turkey Hunting Dog
Association
Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies
Association of Zoos and Aquariums
Boone & Crockett Club
Conservation Force
Defenders of Wildlife
Ducks Unlimited
Earth Friends Wildlife Foundation
Earthjustice
Endangered Species Coalition
Environmental Defense Fund
Federation of Flyfishers
Gaia Global Consulting
HuntingLife.com
International Mountain Bicycling
Association
Izaak Walton League of America
Land Trust Alliance
National Audubon Society

National Parks Conservation Association
National Wildlife Federation
Nature Abounds
Ocean Conservancy
Oceana
Outdoor Alliance
Outdoor Industry Association
Pheasants Forever
Quail Forever
Quail Unlimited
Restore America's Estuaries
Sierra Club
The Nature Conservancy
The Organization of Wildlife Planners
The Ruffed Grouse Society
The Trust for Public Land
The Wilderness Society
The Wildlife Society
Theodore Roosevelt Conservation
Partnership
Trout Unlimited
Waterkeeper Alliance
Wildlife Conservation Society
Wildlife Management Institute
Winter Wildlands Alliance
World Wildlife Fund
Xerces Society for Invertebrate
Conservation

Regional and Local Organizations

10,000 Friends of Pennsylvania
Alabama Chapter of The Wildlife
Society
Alaska Conservation Alliance
Alaska SeaLife Center
Alaska Wildlife Alliance
Albemarle Environmental Association
Allegheny Plateau Audubon Society
American Sportsmen Against Poachers
Animal Protection of New Mexico
Animal Protection Voters
Appalachian Mountain Club
Arizona Chapter of The Wildlife Society
Arizona Ecumenical Council Earth Care

Commission
Arizona League of Conservation Voters
Education Fund
Arizona Wilderness Coalition
Arizona Wildlife Federation
Arkansas Chapter of The Wildlife
Society
Arkansas Trappers Association
Arkansas Wildlife Federation
Arrowhead Chapter Trout Unlimited
Association of Northwest Steelheaders
Atlanta Audubon Society
Au Sable Big Water Preservation
Association

Audubon New York
Audubon of Kansas
Audubon Ohio
Beech Creek Watershed Association
Bill Dvorak's Kayak and Rafting
Expeditions
Blue Ridge Forever Coalition
Boone Soil and Water Conservation
District
Briarpatch Conservation Club
Bushnell, Caplan & Fielding
Canton Studio
Carolina Mountain Land Conservancy
Cedar Bog Association
Center for Native Ecosystems
Central Mountains and Plains Section of
The Wildlife Society
Chestnut Ridge Chapter of Trout
Unlimited
Chichagof Conservation Council
Chickasaw County Conservation Board
Cienega Watershed Partnership
Citizens Against OLF
Citizens Campaign for the Environment
Citizens Committee to Complete the
Refuge
Clark Fork Coalition
Coalition for Sonoran Desert Protection
Colorado Conservation Trust
Columbiana County Federation of
Conservation Clubs
Conemaugh Valley Conservancy
Connecticut Forest & Park Association
Conservation Council for Hawai'i
Conservation Federation of Missouri
Conservation Northwest
Conservation Trust for Florida, Inc.
Conserve Wildlife Foundation of NJ
Delaware Audubon Society
Delaware Nature Society
Denver Chapter of Trout Unlimited
East Ascension Sportsman's League
ECHO
Elkhorn Slough Foundation
Environment Council of Rhode Island
Environmental Advocates of New York
Environmental and Cultural
Conservation Organization

Environmental Association of St.
Thomas
Environmental League of Massachusetts
Ernest Schwiebert Chapter of Trout
Unlimited
Firelands Audubon Society
Florida Chapter of The Wildlife Society
Florida Native Plant Society
Florida Turtle Conservation Trust
Florida Wildlife Federation
Food Conspiracy Co-op
Freshwater Future
Friends of Alaska National Wildlife
Refuges
Friends of Pondicherry
Friends of Pool 9, Upper Miss Refuge,
IN
Friends of Saguaro National Park
Gallatin Wildlife Association
Gates Au Sable Lodge
Georgia Wildlife Federation
Georgia Chapter of The Wildlife Society
Georgia River Network
Great Lakes Council of the Federation of
Fly Fishers
Great Old Broads for Wilderness
Greathorn Properties
Greenway Network, Inc.
Groundwater Awareness League
Gulf Restoration Network
Habitat and Wildlife Keepers
Hackensack Riverkeeper, Inc.
Hawaii Chapter of The Wildlife Society
Heart of America Flyfishers
Hellgate Hunters and Anglers
High Country Citizens' Alliance
High Country Flies
High Sierra Rural Alliance
Hoosier Fly Fishers
Houston Audubon Society
Hutchinson Recreation Commission
Idaho Conservation League
Idaho Wildlife Federation
Indiana Wildlife Federation
Iowa Audubon
Iowa Chapter of The Wildlife Society
Iowa Environmental Council
Iowa Wildlife Federation

Izaak Walton League Michigan City Chapter
 Izaak Walton League of America Pennsylvania Chapter
 Izaak Walton League, Johnson County Chapter
 Jackson County Conservation Club
 Joe Humphries Fly Fishing
 Kansas Chapter of The Wildlife Society
 Kansas Wildlife Federation
 Keep Sedona Beautiful
 Kindred Wild Life Club
 Lacey Rail-Trail Environmental Committee
 Land Conservancy of Adams County Lands Council
 Las Vegas Flyfishing Club
 League of Kentucky Sportsmen
 League of Ohio Sportsmen
 Lebanon Valley Conservancy
 Lititz Run Watershed Association
 Louisiana Wildlife Federation
 Lynn Canal Conservation
 Macbride Raptor Project
 Maine Chapter of The Wildlife Society
 Maryland/Delaware Chapter of The Wildlife Society
 Massachusetts Audubon
 Matanuska Electric Ratepayers Alliance
 Michigan United Conservation Clubs
 Minnesota Conservation Federation
 Mississippi Wildlife Federation
 Missouri Chapter of The Wildlife Society
 Missouri Environmental Education Association
 Missouri Master Naturalists – Confluence Chapter
 Missouri Smallmouth Alliance
 Montana Audubon
 Montana Chapter of The Wildlife Society
 Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks
 Montana Wildlife Federation
 Moshannon Group, Sierra Club
 National Wild Turkey Federation, Georgia Chapter
 Natural Resources Council of Maine
 Natural Systems Solutions
 Nebraska Wildlife Federation
 Nevada Chapter of The Wildlife Society
 Nevada Wildlife Federation
 New England Chapter of The Wildlife Society
 New Hampshire Fish and Game
 New Jersey Audubon Society
 New Jersey Chapter of The Wildlife Society
 New Jersey Federation of Sportsman's Clubs
 New Mexico Wildlife Federation
 New York Chapter of The Wildlife Society
 North Carolina Falconers Guild
 North Carolina Wildlife Federation
 Northeast Section of The Wildlife Society
 Northeast Wilderness Trust
 Northern Alaska Environmental Center
 Northern Forest Alliance
 Northern Jaguar Project
 Northwest Habitat Institute
 Northwest River Guides
 Northwest Sportfishing Industry Association
 Northwest Weed Management Partnership
 NorthWoods Stewardship Center
 Ohio Bass Federation
 Ohio Bird Conservation International
 Ohio Environmental Council
 Oregon Anglers
 Oregon Chapter of The Wildlife Society
 Oregon Council Trout Unlimited
 Orion The Hunter Institute
 Ozark Fly Fishers
 Pacific Forest Trust
 Passaic River Coalition
 Pella Wildlife Company
 Penns Creek Guides
 Penns Valley Conservation Association
 Pennsylvania Chapter of The Wildlife Society
 Pennsylvania Forest Coalition
 Planning and Conservation League
 Prairie Rivers Network

Prescott College
Puerto Rico Ornithological Society
Quiet Use Coalition
Remington Arms Wildlife
Renewable Resources Coalition
Rio Grande Return
River Valley Wildlife Federation
Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative
Sacramento-Shasta Chapter of The
Wildlife Society
San Miguel Greens of Colorado
Santa Cruz River Alliance
Save Our Stream
Save the Manatee Club
Shaw Nature Reserve
Sheep Mountain Alliance
Sierra Forest Legacy
Sierra Nevada Conservation
Sierra Nevada Deep Ecology Institute
Silvertip Production
Sirius Ecovillage
Sky Island Alliance
South Carolina Wildlife Federation
South Dakota Wildlife Federation
Southwest Consolidated Sportsmen
Southwest Environmental Center
Southwest Missouri Fly Fishers
Space Coast Climate Initiative
Spring River Sportsman Club
St. Croix Environmental Association
St. Francis Lake Association
St. Petersburg Audubon Society
Stoney Creek Valley Coalition
Sugar Pine Foundation
Tall Timbers Research Station and Land
Conservancy
Tennessee Clean Water Network
Tennessee Environmental Council
Tennessee Wildlife Federation
Texas Chapter of The Wildlife Society
Texas Conservation Alliance
Texas League of Conservation Voters
The Atlanta Fly Fishing School
The Conservation League of Puerto Rico
The Fyke Nature Association
The Hilltop Conservation Club, Inc.
The Rewilding Institute
The Wilderness Society - Alaska

Chapter
The Wildlands Network
Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council
Tom Baltz Guide Service
Trout Unlimited of California
Tucson Audubon Society
Tumbling Creek Cave Foundation
U.S. Home Designs, Inc.
Upper Chattahoochee Riverkeeper
Utah Chapter of The Wildlife Society
Utah Waterfowl Association
Valley Forge Chapter of Trout
Unlimited
Vermont Natural Resources Council
Virgin Islands Conservation Society
Virginia Chapter of The Wildlife Society
Virginia Conservation Network
Virginia State Chapter of the National
Wild Turkey Federation
Virginia Teaming With Wildlife
Leadership Council
Wagner Conservation Coalition
Washington Wildlife Federation
Watershed Alliance of Adams County
Watershed Management Group
Wattensaw Bowhunters Association
Weatherby's Fisherman Resort
West Chester Fish, Game, and Wildlife
West Chester Gun Club
Westark Wildlife
Western Lake Erie Waterkeeper
Association
Western Pennsylvania Conservancy
Western Rivers Conservancy
Western Section of The Wildlife Society
White River Conservancy
Wild Connections
Wilderness Fly Fishers
Wildlife Center of Virginia
Wildlife Foundation of Florida
Wildwood/Mahonia
Wisconsin Chapter of The Wildlife
Society
Wisconsin Chapter of the Wildlife
Society
Wisconsin Wildlife Federation
Wolf Creek Community Alliance
WyEast Expeditions

Wyoming Chapter of The Wildlife
Society
Wyoming Wildlife Federation
Yell County Wildlife Federation
Yellow Dog Flyfishing Adventures
Youth Conservation Club – Lavaca High
School
Youth Conservation Club –Mansfield
High School