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The Honorable Rob Bishop
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Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands
United States House of Representatives
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January 31, 2012

Dear Chairman Bishop:

On behalf of the undersigned hunting, fishing and conservation organizations, we write to thank you for cosponsoring H.R. 3365, the *Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act Reauthorization of 2011* (“*FLTFA*”) and to respectfully request your support for a hearing on the bill and approval of the bill this spring.

Hunting and fishing provide individuals with a personal connection to the great outdoors as well as important family bonding opportunities. If enacted, Representative Lummis’ bill would increase recreational access for hunting, fishing and host of other activities, while protecting wildlife habitat and reducing the federal deficit.

FLTFA is a fiscally responsible and important lands tool for the West. Through FLTFA’s “land for land” approach, the BLM can sell land to private land owners, counties, companies and others for ranching, community development and various projects. These sales create jobs and generate funding for BLM, USFS, NPS and USFWS to acquire critical inholdings and edgeholdings from willing sellers. The sales revenue allows agencies to acquire high-priority lands with important wildlife habitat value, recreational access for hunting and fishing, and other agency priorities. Through reauthorization, FLTFA will continue to provide benefits for local economies, wildlife management and sportsmen’s programs.

FLTFA is currently expired. Because of FLTFA’s great benefits for hunters and anglers and fish and wildlife conservation we hope H.R. 3365 will receive a hearing as soon as possible, in order to reauthorize this important program and enable BLM, USFS, NPS and USFWS to expand recreational access to western public lands.

Sincerely,

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