

November 1, 2011

The Honorable Dean Heller  
United States Senate  
361A Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Jon Tester  
United States Senate  
724 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Harry Reid  
United States Senate  
522 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mark Udall  
United States Senate  
328 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable James E. Risch  
United States Senate  
483 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

**RE: S. 1775, the Public Land Renewable Energy Development Act of 2011**

Dear Senators Heller, Reid, Risch, Tester and Udall:

The groups below represent millions of hunters, anglers, fish and wildlife professionals, and outdoor enthusiasts. We thank you for introducing S. 1775, the Public Land Renewable Energy Development Act of 2011. Sportsmen are supportive of the development of clean, renewable energy resources on public lands as long as it is done in the right places and in a manner that is protective of fish and wildlife habitat. The provisions of the bill that establish a pilot leasing program for wind and solar energy development on public lands and apply a substantial portion of royalty revenue to mitigation of impacts to fish and wildlife habitat are essential to balancing development and hunting and fishing opportunities. Also eligible for use of the funds are securing recreational access to Federal land from willing sellers for the purpose of providing enhanced public access to existing land that is inaccessible or restricted. The Public Land Renewable Energy Development Act of 2011 would help wind and solar development move forward on appropriate public lands in a way that sustains the West's unparalleled sporting heritage. Again we thank you for introducing this important legislation, and we look forward to working with you and the delegations of other western states as the bill moves forward.

Sincerely,

American Fisheries Society  
American Fly Fishing Trade Association  
American Sportfishing Association  
Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies  
Berkley Conservation Institute  
Boone and Crockett Club  
Bull Moose Sportsmen's Alliance  
Catch-A-Dream Foundation  
Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation  
Conservation Force  
Campfire Club of America  
National Wild Turkey Federation

National Wildlife Federation  
North American Grouse Partnership  
Northwest Sportfishing Industry Assn.  
Pope and Young Club  
Quality Deer Management Association  
Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership  
Trout Unlimited  
Wildlife Forever  
The Wildlife Society  
Wildlife Management Institute  
Wild Sheep Foundation