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Senator Steve Daines
320 Hart Office Bldg
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RE: Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 (HR5376)
Possible inclusion of Congressional designations for Roadless Areas

Dear Senator Daines;

Please accept these comments as the opposition to the above Proposal from a broad spectrum of multiple use motorized recreational interest groups. Generally, we are unsure how more government spending and increasing taxes slows inflation. However, we are also very concerned about certain provisions that could have significant negative impacts to recreational access to public lands. That is the Congressional designation of Roadless areas, which had been previously separately proposed in the 117th Session as S.877 and HR 279. S.877 has not been the basis of any action by the Senate Natural Resources Committee. HR279 had only had a subcommittee hearing this session with House Natural Resource Committee. We had been watching these Proposals but did not expect them to move at all. Similar proposals had been submitted in previous sessions and had not even received a committee hearing in either the House or Senate.

We are aware that provisions similar to §208 of HR 5118, which Congressionally designate Roadless Areas are currently not included in HR 5376, we also must note that HR 5376 is subject to the authority of Title II of Senate Continuing Resolution

14. This provision provides for reconciliation of budget issues between the House and Senate. This authority is causing us **significant** concern given that on July 22, 2022 the House Rules Committee amended the Continental Divide Completion Act to become The Wildfire Response and Drought Resiliency Act. This amendment was passed out of the Rules Committee and is awaiting a hearing on the House Floor. The House Rules committee development was unusual to say the least, but HR 5118 now includes the Congressional Designation of Roadless areas as §208 of HR 5118.

We are vigorously opposed to the Congressional designation of Roadless areas

and have submitted comments to the House stating this concern. We have attached a copy of these comments to you as, given the posture of this whole effort, we are concerned that provisions similar to §208 of HR 5118 would be included in the reconciliation process for the Inflation Reduction Act. This would result in the Congressional designations of Roadless Areas would be passed into law without a substantive hearing on the merits of the Proposal. We would be vigorously opposed to such an addition in reconciliation. Candidly we are unable to identify an issue that could be less related to the Budget process, Inflation Reduction, Water Infrastructure or Wildfires than the USFS Roadless Rule.

We would also like to pass our vigorous “Thank You” to your Office for your sponsorship of Senate Joint Resolution #55, which clearly stated your disapproval of any amendments of NEPA rules as Proposed on April 20, 2022. We have participated in the development of the Trump Administration revisions to NEPA and found these regulations effective in protecting resources and doing it

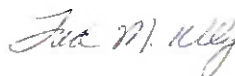
efficiently. We have opposed the April 20, 2022 revision to the NEPA regulations and we appreciate SJ RES 55. NEPA processes have been driven to far to fine a detail with regulations and litigation and we found the Tump Administration Rules effective at offsetting these problems.

We would welcome any questions you may have and would willing provide any additional support you may need on this issue. Please contact Scott Jones, Esq who's phone is (518)281-5810 and his email is scott.jones46@yahoo.com or Fred Wiley, ORBA's Executive Director at 1701 Westwind Drive #108, Bakersfield, CA. Mr. Wiley phone is 661-323-1464 and his email is fwiley@orba.biz.

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