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Senator Steve Daines

U.S. Senate

Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Daines,

The Montana Outfitters and Guides Association, representing more than 3,500 licensed outfitters and guides statewide, strongly supports your Montana Sportsmen Conservation Act to release the Middle Fork Judith, Hoodoo Mountain, and Wales Creek WSAs.

For nearly 50 years these designations have blocked common-sense forest management and habitat work on over 100,000 acres of public land that our clients hunt every year. Releasing these WSAs will finally let the Forest Service and BLM treat fuels, regenerate forage, and improve access to elk and deer herds that are well above objective in many of these areas.

Your bill keeps every major environmental law intact while simply removing the one layer of red tape that has stood in the way of better wildlife habitat and better hunting. That's exactly the kind of practical solution Montana's outfitters and guides have been asking for.

Thank you for carrying this legislation and for standing up for Montana's working landscape and hunting heritage.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Will Israel", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Will Israel

Executive Director

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