

The Honorable Jon Tester
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The Honorable Paul Gosar
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Joseph Heck
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The Honorable Dean Heller
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The Honorable Mike Thompson
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The Honorable Jared Polis
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Dear Senators Tester and Heller, and Representatives Gosar, Heck, Polis and Thompson,

The groups below represent millions of hunters, anglers, fish and wildlife professionals, and outdoor enthusiasts. We thank you for introducing H.R. 596 and S. 279, the Public Lands Renewable Energy Development Act. Sportsmen are supportive of the development of renewable energy resources on public lands as long as it is done in the right places and in a manner that conserves 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 offsetting impacts to fish and wildlife habitat are essential to balancing development and hunting and fishing opportunities. Also eligible for use of the funds is securing recreational access to Federal land for the purpose of providing enhanced public access to existing land that is inaccessible or restricted. The Public Lands Renewable Energy Development Act 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 affected states as the bill moves forward.

Sincerely,

American Fisheries Society
American Fly Fishing Trade Association
American Sportfishing Association
Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies
B.A.S.S.
Berkley Conservation Inst.
Boone and Crockett Club
Bull Moose Sportsmen's Alliance
Campfire Club of America
Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation
Dallas Safari Club
Delta Waterfowl Foundation
Ducks Unlimited
International Game Fish Association

National Marine Manufacturers Association
National Wildlife Federation
North American Grouse Partnership
Northwest Sportfishing Assoc.
Pope and Young Club
Public Lands Foundation
Quality Deer Management Association
Ruffed Grouse Society
The Nature Conservancy
The Wildlife Society
Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership
Trout Unlimited
Wildlife Forever
Wildlife Management Institute