

The Honorable Mike Johnson  
Speaker  
House of Representatives

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries  
Minority Leader  
House of Representatives

The Honorable Bruce Westerman  
Chairman  
House Committee on Natural Resources

The Honorable Jared Huffman  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Natural Resources

**RE: Amodei Amendment 013 to H.Con.Res.14 - Public Lands Sell Off Amendment**

Dear Members of the House of Representatives,

**On behalf of our members, we, the undersigned organizations, ask you to strip the Amodei Amendment 013 from the House Interior Reconciliation Bill.**

**The House Natural Resources Committee has now added selling off public lands that belong to all Americans** to what is already a sprawling attempt to fast-track resource development for a variety of industries including oil, gas, coal, hardrock mining, and timber.

At the 11th hour, and at the end of a day-long hearing, Rep. Mark Amodei (R-NV-2) and Rep. Celeste Maloy (R-UT-2) introduced an amendment, without including the maps the amendment references, that would result in the sell-off of over 11,000 acres of Bureau of Land Management (BLM) managed public land in Utah and 500,000 acres in Nevada. This amendment was introduced during a House Natural Resources Committee hearing on May 6th, 2025, without an opportunity for review by other members of Congress or the public. The Committee voted to allow this amendment and ultimately in favor of the entire bill.

Contrary to statements by Rep. Maloy, the language of the amendment includes **no requirements for public use and no limitations on how the lands can be used once sold** — meaning they may be developed for golf courses, luxury resorts, strip malls, private vacation homes, or simply flipped for sale again. Nothing is off the table. The public had no opportunity to participate in the process of identifying these parcels, let alone time to understand the long-term effect of selling off these public lands. Public lands should remain in public hands.

Parcels listed for sale in the amendment are within the following areas:

- Red Mountain Wilderness
- Beaver Dam Wash National Conservation Area
- Santa Clara River Reserve
- Santa Clara/Gunlock Area of Critical Environmental Concern
- Red Bluff Area of Critical Environmental Concern

The amendment also includes several parcels adjacent to Zion National Park, one of the most visited National Parks in the nation. The tracts proposed for sale include a 300 acre mesa outside the small town of Rockville, as well as tracts at popular trailheads.

This amendment is only the start of the push by the current administration, extractive industry, and private developers to sell off public lands across the nation. But such moves are deeply unpopular. Polling has repeatedly shown that the public—especially westerners—strongly believe in keeping public lands in public hands and, across partisan lines, reject any efforts that would lead to the sale of these shared and cherished lands. The House must reject this misguided and wildly unpopular notion.

**It is imperative that the budget reconciliation process is not used to sell off public lands.**

Sincerely,

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American Bird Conservancy  
American Hiking Society  
American Packrafting Association  
Amigos De Los Rios  
Appalachian Mountain Club  
CactusToCloud Institute  
Californians for Western Wilderness  
CalWild  
Center for Biological Diversity  
Climate Justice Alliance  
Coastal Corridor Alliance  
Conservation Colorado  
Conservation Lands Foundation  
Conservation Northwest  
Defenders of Wildlife  
Earthjustice Action  
EcoFlight  
Endangered Species Coalition  
Environmental Law & Policy Center  
Environmental Protection Information Center  
Environmental Center of San Diego  
Forests Forever  
Friends of the Amargosa Basin  
Friends of the Inyo  
Friends of the Lost Coast  
Glen Canyon Institute  
Grand Canyon Trust  
Great Egg Harbor Watershed Association  
GreenLatinos  
Greenpeace USA  
Hills For Everyone

Illinois Environmental Council  
League of Conservation Voters  
Minnesota Division Izaak Walton League of America  
Mount Shasta Bioregional Ecology Center  
Natural Resources Defense Council  
Nature for All  
NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice  
New Mexico Wild  
Next 100 Coalition  
Northeastern Minnesotans for Wilderness  
Ocean Conservation Research  
Oregon Natural Desert Association  
Pelecanus  
Resource Renewal Institute  
Robert Redford Conservancy at Pitzer College  
Save Our Canyons  
Sheep Mountain Alliance  
Sierra Business Council  
Sierra Club  
Silvix Resources  
Soda Mountain Wilderness Council  
Southern Environmental Law Center  
Standing Trees  
Taunton River Watershed Alliance  
The Ocean Project  
The SummerTree Institute  
The Wilderness Society  
Tuleyome  
Virginia Wilderness Committee  
Western Watersheds Project  
Wild Hope  
Wild Montana  
WildEarth Guardians  
Wilderness Watch  
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