



WHAT THEY ARE SAYING

“Hunters and anglers have made it clear that reconciliation is not the appropriate vehicle for public land sales,” **said Joel Pedersen, president and CEO of the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership.** “The Senate proposal sets an arbitrary acreage target and calls for the disposal of up to six times more land than was proposed in early versions of the House budget reconciliation bill. If passed, sportsmen and women would lose access to large tracts of public land.”

“Selling off public lands will not benefit the people of Utah, Alaska or any other state, but it will benefit billionaires who seek to profit from these priceless lands and waters,” **said Chris Hill, CEO of the Conservation Lands Foundation.** “America’s public lands are integral to the fabric of our nation: protecting them for the benefit of all Americans is in the national interest. When we continue to protect public lands, we continue to support the multi-faceted benefits that public lands bring to everyone: access to hunting and fishing, camping and hiking and the ability to enjoy unspoiled wilderness and natural areas that belong to all of us. Senator Lee’s latest amendment must be rejected to send a strong and lasting signal that America’s public lands are not for sale. We call on Congress to act on behalf of the rights of all Americans to enjoy and have access to public lands by rejecting these appalling attempts to mandate the sale of millions of acres of public land and line the pockets of campaign donors and out-of-state special interests. Public lands must remain in public hands for everyone to enjoy, not just the greedy few.”

“This isn't about budget reconciliation or affordable housing. This is a fraudulent scheme to swindle American citizens out of our shared legacy,” **said Patrick Berry, President and CEO for Backcountry Hunters and Anglers.** “Our public lands are not disposable assets and the gaslighting campaign claiming this is somehow a solution to a housing crisis is an insult to all of us. Our lands are the physical inheritance of generations of Americans who fought to keep public lands in public hands. We owe it to those who had the vision to create this irreplaceable American ideal—and to those who stand to benefit from our stewardship—to tell our elected officials: united we stand for public lands.”

"Americans disagree about a lot of things, but most of us are on the same page about keeping public lands in public hands. Shoving the sale of public lands back into the budget reconciliation bill, all to fund tax cuts for the wealthy, is a betrayal of future generations and folks on both sides of the aisle," **said Michael Carroll, Director of the BLM Campaign at The Wilderness Society.** "Senator Mike Lee and his anti-public lands partners are setting a dangerous precedent for fast-tracking sales of public lands, and they're threatening Americans' access to our outstanding outdoor spaces. We call on lawmakers who cherish public lands to reject any inclusion of public land sales in the budget reconciliation bill."