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To all Back Country Horsemen Members,

As Issues Chairman for the Back Country Horsemen of Montana the following bill in the House of Representatives has been brought to our attention and it needs our immediate action by contacting our congressional delegates and voicing our opposition to this legislation.

Dan has placed on the website a copy of an article that appeared in the GF Tribune this week. Looks like this thing could have some far reaching implications on our public lands and environmental laws.

We have also attached a PDF copy of the bill itself please pay close attention to the opening statement to the bill, its scary enough in its self; To prohibit the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture from taking action on public lands which impede border security on such lands, and for other purposes.

Also please look at the bill on page 3 Item 16 Description of Laws Waived this runs through page 5. There is a summary at the bottom of this letter.

It's shocking to read the long list of laws to be waived, literally a generation of democratic process wiped clean on millions of acres of public land.

We have also included a PDF map of the proposed 100 mile buffer zone of the proposed legislation, thanks to the folks at [PEW Chartibale Trusts](http://PEW Chartibale Trusts).

Below is a list of the laws that would be waived should H.R. 1505 become law:



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The Endangered Species Act of 1973, the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, the National Historic Preservation Act, the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, the Clean Air Act, the Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979, the Safe Drinking Water Act, the Noise Control Act of 1972, the Solid Waste Disposal Act, the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, the Antiquities Act of 1906, the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, the Farmland Protection Policy Act, the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, the Wilderness Act, the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966, the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956, the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, the Administrative Procedure Act, the Otay Mountain Wilderness Act of 1999, California Desert Protection Act of 1994, the National Park Service Organic Act, sections of the National Parks and Recreation Act, the Arizona Desert Wilderness Act of 1990 the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act of 1974 and the Multiple-Use Sustained-Yield Act of 1960.

Thanks,

Rich (Fred) Fitzpatrick