

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

July 28, 2010

The Honorable Nick J. Rahall, II
Chairman
Committee on Natural Resources
1324 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Doc Hastings
Ranking Member
Committee on Natural Resources
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The Honorable Raúl M. Grijalva
Chairman
Subcommittee on National Parks,
Forests and Public Lands
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The Honorable Rob Bishop
Ranking Member
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1324 Longworth House Office Building
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Dear Chairman Rahall, Ranking Member Hastings, Chairman Grijalva, and Ranking Member Bishop:

I respectfully request that the Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands take action on H.R. 4558, The Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore Conservation and Recreation Act, which would designate as wilderness, 32,557 acres of the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore.

The National Parks Service (NPS) supports the Senate version of this bill, which is nearly identical to the House version. H.R. 4558 is in accordance with the NPS's final General Management Plan and Wilderness Study and was the result of a lengthy public process. The bill would provide permanent protection for valuable natural resources, would ensure access to popular recreational areas, and has broad public support.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this legislation. I hope you will promptly take action on H.R. 4558, and include it on the agenda for a future hearing regarding public lands bills. If you have any questions about the bill, please feel free to contact my office at 5-3611.

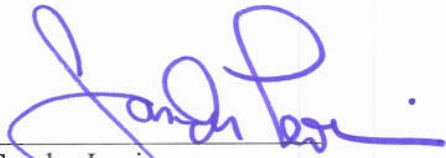
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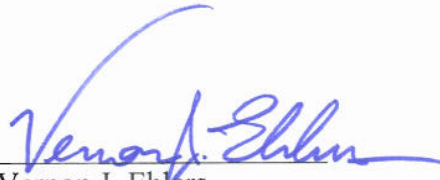
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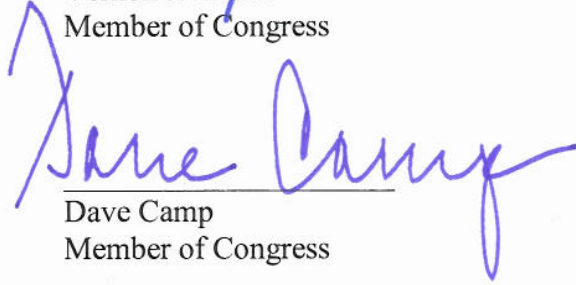
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