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The Honorable Rob Bishop  
United States House of Representatives  
123 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

**Re: Utah Public Lands Initiative**

Dear Congressman Bishop:

Thank you for your February 22, 2013 letter inviting the Ute Indian Tribe to participate in the Utah Public Lands Initiative. As you know the Tribe's Uintah and Ouray Reservation is the second largest Indian reservation in the United States and a major land area in Eastern Utah. Over the years some federal public lands have been included within our Reservation boundaries. Like you and other participants in the Initiative, the Ute Tribe is interested in better management of those federal lands within our reservation, improving relationships with federal agencies and finding ways to ensure that these lands are available for the use and benefit of the Tribe—the very reason our Reservation was established.

To help achieve these goals, the Tribe is interested in becoming a more active participant in your Public Lands Initiative and is considering developing proposals that we would like to see included in the Initiative. We would appreciate being notified of any upcoming meetings and being included on any mailing list for discussion or documents related to the Initiative. Finally, the next time we are in Washington, D.C. or you are in Fort Duchesne, we would like to talk with you about the proposals being developed and your overall plan for the Initiative.

Please contact the Business Committee's General Counsel, Tom Fredericks, at (303) 673-9600, or our Washington, D.C. counsel, Rollie Wilson, at (202) 340-8232 with more information about the next meeting or next steps for the Initiative.

Sincerely,

Gordon Howell, Chairman  
Ute Tribal Business Committee

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