

Dear Honorable Committee Members;

I attended the meeting in Sandpoint on Friday, September 12, 2014, and I wanted to thank all of you for giving us the opportunity to share our thoughts and documentation. I brought along my five children who are home schooled for an introduction to the political process as well as to lead by example. The meeting was very well conducted and was a great example to our children of how they too must be involved to make a difference. I want to thank Mr. Tippetts specifically for coming up to introduce himself to us and thank us for attending.

I did not choose to testify at the meeting knowing many of those who did were in agreement with us, however, we did want to make known in print our position to you. This is the purpose for this letter. My children are native Idahoans and love their state. They are also the ones who will inherit the future of this state. So on behalf of them, we ask that you do everything within your power to bring Idaho's lands back to our state's control. We wholeheartedly agree with those who spoke about the people who live here being better judges of what is best for our lands, as opposed to those who make decisions from a far away state for only monetary benefit. We also agree with those who testified about the constitutionality of the issue, and the economic benefit for our state's residents. The opponents seemed to think we, as citizens of Idaho, were not capable of solving our own problems and issues. I take offense to that, and believe that we are every bit capable of managing these lands both financially and physically. There were those who were afraid they would lose their "right" to use the lands, but I believe Mr. Rasor soundly put that concern to rest, stating there are certain lands that can not and will not be tinkered with. I will not take up any more of your time repeating all of the things you already know, but wanted you to know our entire family, which includes our 7 children, and 10 grandchildren, who are all Idaho residents are in favor of taking back our lands from the federal government to care for and manage them as we see fit.

Our family thanks you all for your time and consideration.

Thank you,
Mr. & Mrs. Don Jacobs