



RESOLUTION 2014-02
EXPRESSING CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR PROPOSED LEGISLATION TO
GRANT INDEMNITY SELECTIONS FOR STATE TRUST LANDS IN FEDERAL
CONSERVATION AREAS

Whereas, the Western States Land Commissioners Association (“WSLCA”) and its member states have worked for several years to develop proposed federal legislation that would grant states the right to select unappropriated federal public lands upon relinquishment to the United States of title to state trust lands located within federal conservation areas, as a means of eliminating conflicts between state and federal land management within federal conservation areas; and

Whereas, through consultation and discussions with conservation groups, other governmental entities, and the public, prior draft proposals for such proposed legislation have been refined to take into account concerns and comments expressed by such groups; and

Whereas, the need for additional legislative means for resolving problems created by the location of state trust lands inholdings inside federal conservation areas remains pressing for WSLCA member states; and

Whereas, WSLCA and its member states, having reviewed modifications to the proposed legislation previously presented to the membership in connection with WSLCA Resolution 2011-02, fully support the modified proposal; and any subsequent modifications that retain the essence of original proposal.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the WSLCA does hereby support and endorse the passage of the proposed legislation as presented to the membership of WSLCA, and requests that the members of the congressional delegations of each WSLCA state take all necessary actions to ensure the timely enactment of the proposed legislation into federal law.

Adopted this 15th day of January, 2014.

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