

## ADVOCACY REPORT FROM 2019 GLP REPORT

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### Notable Broadband Achievements

#### Advocacy

##### Writing Letters, Rallies, Protests, Speaking at public meetings

From writing elected officials advocacy letters to speaking up at public lands (town halls, county commissioner meetings, etc.), Broads everywhere are taking action to pressure decision-makers of all kinds. We've shown up when it counts, too: Climate Change Marches, Salmon/Orca Rallies, Keeping Public Lands in Public Hands, and more. Leaders and Broadband members in Oregon and Arizona joined local groups at state environmental lobby days.

Broadbands are focused on some of the most pressing issues of all time. A few examples include preserving the Roadless Rule in the Tongass National Forest; fighting mining proposals in several important landscapes (including the Boundary Waters, Bristol Bay, and Oak Flat); and of course combating climate change.

##### National Legislation

Broadbands are working to advance important land protection bills. Colorado Broadbands, especially the Northern San Juan Broadband, have tirelessly advocated for the CORE Act throughout 2019 (and 2018), and the bill passed the House in late October 2019. They collected and delivered approximately 1,000 signed CORE Act postcards to Senator Gardner and approximately 750 to Representative Tipton. In Oregon, Broads are very involved in creating a proposal for additional wilderness, wild and scenic rivers and a recreation area expansion on Mt. Hood and in the Columbia River gorge. Legislation should be proposed by May, 2020!

##### Commenting on Management Plans, Lease Sales, and Environmental Impact Statements

Broadband Leaders in eight states submitted extensive, substantive comments on important public lands planning processes, lease sales, as well as EISs/EAs. Here's the impressive list:

- OREGON: Southeast Oregon Resource Management Plan, the Upper Deschutes River Habitat Conservation Plan, Elliot State Forest, and on the proposed Jordan Cove LNG pipeline and terminal.
- IDAHO - 3 EIS/EAs: BLM Four Rivers RA RMP, BLM Four Rivers RA trails EA, scoping comments on Air Force proposal to lower altitudes of training flights in the Owyhee Wilderness... and a lawsuit to stop Air force Urban Games.
- WYOMING/IDAHO- Forest Service trail planning, Red Desert issues, Grizzly bear management plans, and wolf trapping.
- MONTANA - Custer Gallatin Forest Plan Revision.
- NEW MEXICO - USFS Cibola Forest Revision plans, the Gila National Forest plan, and the Holloman Airspace Proposal F-16 DEIS.

- COLORADO - GMUG Forest Plan revision, the USFS Region 2 Trails Stewardship Strategy with a focus on wildlife habitat protection, CPW's State Trails non-motorized grants trail planning, North Park BLM oil and gas lease sales, and Uncompahgre RMP.
- UTAH - Grand Staircase Escalante NM, Bears Ears NM, Pine Valley Mts, Red Cliffs Desert Reserve and Lake Powell Pipeline.
- ARIZONA - The mining of Oak Flat by Resolution Copper has reared its ugly head again this year with the Tonto Forest Service release of the draft EIS on which we commented.
- ALASKA - Tongass National Forest EIS, Pebble Mine EIS and Alaska Roadless Rule.