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On Behalf Of:

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Public lands should be for everyone. One group should not be able to take over the public land and permanently inhabit it making it unavailable and unsafe for others. We have been in our home, in close proximity to public land, for over 30 years. As our children were growing up they were able to play in this area safely. With all the drug use, unsafe garbage and physical violence I no longer feel safe going into this "public" space. When law-abiding citizens are no longer safe on public lands then the land is no longer truly for the public but only for the individuals who have been allowed to occupy or confiscate it. Please keep our parks and public lands for everyone and do not allow these lands to be further confiscated. Please oppose this bill.