



Coalition for Public Access

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Representative Dean Heller
400 South Virginia Street, Suite 502
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Dear Representative Heller:

The Coalition for Public Access (CPA) is an advocate for open access to public lands. Our membership has grown since February, 2008 to include residents in Lyon, Mineral, Esmeralda, Douglas, Nye, Churchill, and Washoe counties, Carson City, and many areas of California. And we continue to grow as we reach out to citizens in Pershing, Eureka, Humboldt, and Storey counties.

We are particularly concerned with respect to The Clean Water Restoration Act (HR 2421). Specifically, if enacted, this bill will essentially give control of wetlands and other lands to the Army Corps of Engineers and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). It appears to be an attack on farmers, ranchers, and the general public. The Federal government already controls too many aspects of our lives without granting it more power.

HR 2421 is bad legislation. It represents just another government attack on private property and the rights of citizens.

CPA represents the views of many ranchers, farmers, the recreational public, miners, conservationists, and naturalists. We are committed to keeping our public lands open to all Americans and protecting private property rights.

Thank you, and please vote against HR 2421.

Sincerely,

Phillip Tucker

For the CPA Board of Directors: Larry Simmons, Sue Silver, Wade Harlan, Mike Rosachi, Don Smith, Lu Weaver, Emery Thran, and Phillip Tucker