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The Honorable Senator Harry Reid  
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Honorable Senator Reid,

We have been a supporter of yours since your first foray into politics in the late 60's in Nevada and your rise in stature in the federal government beginning in the early 80's as a Representative and most recently as a Senator and Senate Majority Leader. Unfortunately, it appears your attitude toward public land users, taxpayers, and miners, in particular, has changed over that time.

You continue to endorse bills like S 22, the Omnibus Public Land Management Act, which is being resurrected after its recent failure in the House.

I'm sure you are fully aware that many of the provisions in this Act are unable to pass on their own merits as individual bills. I'm also sure you are aware that the codification of the National Landscape Conservation System will forever create additional roadblocks to exploration and mining, will burden taxpayers for generations to come, and certainly will not help to alleviate our reliance on other countries for minerals and metals.

In our March issue, we departed from our longstanding support for you and your service to our country in, "Legislative and Regulatory Update—Senator Reid fails mining industry."

We certainly applaud many of your past accomplishments. However, if you continue to support the Omnibus Public Land Management Act, we will ask our readers to look for a new voice of reason when it comes time for your re-election in 2010, and we will certainly remind them come election time.

Respectfully,

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