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A LOCAL APPEAL FOR FEDERAL PROTECTION: Over 120 elected officials from Western municipalities are urging Haaland to protect more federal lands in the West to preserve biodiversity and combat climate change. In a Tuesday letter to Haaland and Bureau of Land Management Director Tracy Stone-Manning, the officials called on BLM to more aggressively protect federal lands via designating “Backcountry Conservation Areas; Wilderness Study Areas; Areas of Critical Environmental Concern; and working with The White House to designate national monuments through the use of the Antiquities Act.”

The administration aims to conserve 30 percent of the country’s lands and waters by 2030 under its America the Beautiful Initiative, which the local officials praise as crucial to protecting the country’s biodiversity. [Read the letter here.](#)