



# WESTERN STATES SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION

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## Western States Sheriffs' Association supports

### Community Law Enforcement Restoration Act (Clear)

The Western States Sheriffs' Association (WSSA) stands united in its support of congressional efforts to invalidate the U.S. Forest Service Criminal Prohibition Rule which was pushed through the administrative rulemaking process in the last few weeks of the Biden Administration.

Sheriff Mark Dannels, Cochise County Arizona stated, "The WSSA objected to the rule from the beginning of the process in 2023 and remains committed to seeing it invalidated. The CLEAR act provides the best current opportunity to utilize the force of law to remove this rule."

Sheriff Matt English, Hood River County Oregon and co-chair of WSSA Public Lands committee said the following, "The Western States Sheriffs' Association, representing more than 1200 sheriffs across the west, stands firmly in support of the Clear Act. This legislation safeguards the balance of power by stopping the dangerous expansion of federal authority through administrative rule making. The CLEAR act ensures that Sheriffs, and the communities they serve, remain protected by clear limits within the already existing framework authorized by congress."

Sheriff Tracy Glover, Kane County Utah and Chair of the WSSA Public Lands committee stated, "the WSSA Public Lands Committee, has been relentless in fighting for the proper authority of America's Western Sheriff. This effort, implemented by the U.S. Forest Service, has been a long-standing issue of contention. While we seek strong working relationships with federal agencies, we cannot, and will not, abdicate our authority and jurisdiction to the detriment of the people we serve and the Office of Sheriff."

*"The mission of the Western States Sheriffs' Association is to assist sheriffs and their offices with federal and state legislative issues, address policy and procedural matters, develop guidelines to promote uniformity in matters that are important to sheriffs of the western United States and to work together to keep the office of sheriff strong."*

