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The Honorable Joe Manchin
Chairman
Senate Energy and Natural Resources
Committee
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable John Barrasso
Ranking Member
Senate Energy and Natural Resources
Committee
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Dear Chair Manchin and Ranking Member Barrasso,

On behalf of the Outdoor Recreation Roundtable (ORR), we would like to express our strong support for the nomination of Tracy Stone-Manning to be the next Director of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). We are hopeful that the Senate will confirm Ms. Stone-Manning in a timely manner to ensure that BLM can move forward with supporting the \$788 billion recreation economy.

ORR is the nation's leading coalition of outdoor recreation trade associations – made up of 33 national members — as well as other nonprofit organizations and business entities — serving more than 110,000 businesses. According to the most recent data from the Bureau of Economic Analysis released last year, the recreation industry generated \$788 billion in economic output, accounted for 2.1 percent of GDP, supported 5.2 million jobs and was growing faster than the economy as a whole in every indicator.

As Director, Ms. Stone-Manning will help lead management policies for many of our nation's most important public lands where people camp, hunt, fish, hike, bike, ATV, snowmobile and much more. Additionally, she will play a key role in implementation of the Great American Outdoors Act, which provides much-needed investments in the deferred maintenance backlog on public lands, as well as full funding of the Land and Water Conservation Fund. Industry leaders who strongly supported these policies throughout the legislative process look forward to partnering with your committee and BLM leadership on these important initiatives.

ORR is encouraged by the Biden Administration's goal to grow diversity, increase access and combat climate change through the America the Beautiful initiative. As senior advisor for conservation policy at the National Wildlife Federation, Ms. Stone-Manning has extensive knowledge of the conservation issues facing our nation and the crucial role outdoor recreation plays in maintaining our public lands. We look forward to working with Congress to make sure that through this initiative, Americans continue to have access to the public spaces that make outdoor recreation possible and that help to fuel so much of the nation's economy.

Additionally, we look forward to working with Ms. Stone-Manning and her team on the many issues that BLM will be leading on that impact outdoor recreation. BLM and the Department of the Interior as a whole are well positioned to ensure outdoor recreation supports the Build Back Better plan, revitalizes our economy and provides equitable access to all forms of recreation for every American. We are hopeful that BLM and the Department will also work

with the outdoor recreation industry on pending rulemaking and decisions related to outdoor recreation that will make important contributions to the nation's economy and health.

As the nomination process continues, we appreciate you considering ORR's support for Ms. Stone-Manning and hope that questions regarding outdoor recreation and its critical role in the wellbeing of America's families and economy are incorporated in the upcoming hearing.

We look forward to working with the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee in the 117th Congress on important issues for outdoor recreation that will help grow our industry and the nation's economy as a whole.

Sincerely,

American Sportfishing Association
Association of Marina Industries
Archery Trade Association
CHM Government Services
National Marine Manufacturers Association
National RV Dealers Association
National Wild Turkey Federation
Outdoor Industry Association
RV Industry Association
Specialty Equipment Market Association
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