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The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Senate Majority Leader
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The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Senate Minority Leader
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Dear Senators,

The Bureau of Land Management plays a central role in conserving, restoring, and stewarding America's public lands for the benefit of people and wildlife alike. The Bureau's portfolio of more than 245 million acres of public lands includes some of the most iconic lands enjoyed by hikers, hunters and anglers, mountain bikers, birders, and outdoor enthusiasts of all stripes, from Alaskan tundra to the red rock canyons and arches of the West, and lands along the shores of the Mississippi River. These lands have played a central role in driving the U.S. economy and helping America win the global economic race.

How we steward these lands and who leads this critical work is essential to ensure that our water, wildlife, and way of life endure for future generations. As a lifelong outdoorswoman, avid hunter and hiker, a former state official, and a thought leader on collaborative conservation solutions, Tracy Stone-Manning is the right person to lead the Bureau of Land Management.

We represent the National Wildlife Federation and 47 state and territorial affiliates. We are proud to support Stone-Manning's nomination and believe she will be an unwavering advocate for wildlife and people alike at this critical moment for the Bureau.

Tracy Stone-Manning has dedicated her career to the responsible conservation of America's public lands. Throughout her time as chief of staff to Governor Steve Bullock, director of the Montana Department of Environmental Quality, and as an adviser to U.S. Senator Jon Tester, she has worked to ensure our public lands are managed for the benefit of all users. She brought this philosophy to the National Wildlife Federation where she has led its public lands program and served as a senior advisor to its CEO and leadership.

Stone-Manning also has demonstrated that she has the management skills necessary to bring people together in pursuit of collaborative conservation policy solutions. As Gov. Bullock's chief of staff, she oversaw day-to-day operations of his cabinet and the state's 11,000 employees. At the Montana Department of Environmental Quality, Stone-Manning managed the department's staff and their work stewarding the state's water, air, mining and remediation programs.

As a Westerner and outdoorswoman, Tracy Stone-Manning understands not only the challenges facing our public lands, but also the central role these lands play in the lives and livelihoods of hardworking Americans. As a hunter, she understands how policy decisions around energy development, outdoor recreation, and public access affect wildlife and

the families that rely upon them. For these reasons alone, she is the right leader to rebuild the agency and restore the public's trust in this crucial lands-management agency.

We would be remiss in not underscoring that the lack of a Senate-confirmed director for the Bureau of Land Management has taken a toll on the agency. Rather than vest decision-making and authority in a strong Western leader, the lack of a permanent director has left the agency completely dependent upon the Department of the Interior for critical decisions. The Bureau needs a Senate-confirmed leader and Tracy Stone-Manning has the experience, approach, and temperament to restore normalcy and normal order to the agency.

The U.S. Senate should swiftly take up her nomination and confirm her, so she can get to work conserving and restoring our public lands and wildlife, ensure our natural resources are managed for the benefit of all users, and safeguard access to our public lands for hunters, anglers, and all who enjoy the outdoors.

Sincerely,

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Association of Northwest Steelheaders

Colorado Wildlife Federation

Connecticut Forest and Park Association

Conservation Coalition of Oklahoma

Conservation Council for Hawai'i

Conservation Federation of Missouri

Conservation Northwest

Delaware Nature Society

Environmental Advocates NY

Environmental Council of Rhode Island

Florida Wildlife Federation

Georgia Wildlife Federation

Idaho Wildlife Federation

Indiana Wildlife Federation

Iowa Wildlife Federation

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Kentucky Waterways Alliance

Louisiana Wildlife Federation

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