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The Honorable Mitch McConnell
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Dear Senators,

The work of the Department of Interior has never been more important than it is today. Our public lands and waters are experiencing unprecedented climate-fueled threats — including drought, wildfires, floods, and invasive species. These irreplaceable lands and waters, home to countless wildlife species, also have a critical role to play in addressing the challenges we face. We need leaders with the experience, vision, and approach to bridge the partisan divide, craft collaborative solutions, and ensure our public lands, waters, and coasts endure for the benefit of all users, Native American Tribes, wildlife, and future generations.

Laura Daniel Davis, President Joe Biden's nominee to serve as the next Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, is exactly the type of leader we and our public lands and waters need. She is an outstanding choice to tackle these complex challenges and set a clear vision for the future. We the undersigned represent 46 organizations — and millions of members across the nation — support her nomination and urge the Senate to swiftly confirm her for this role.

Davis has more than two decades of public policy, non-profit, and government experience focused on public lands conservation and partnerships. She currently serves as the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Land and Mineral Management at Interior, where she has been instrumental in reviewing oil and gas leasing policies to ensure they best serve all stakeholders.

Prior to that, she served as Chief of Policy and Advocacy for the National Wildlife Federation, where she led successful efforts working with Congress to pass legislation on a variety of issues including a federal wildfire funding fix which boosted forest restoration on 193 million acres of public lands, a strong bipartisan Farm Bill with strong conservation provisions, and getting the Land and Water Conservation Fund permanently authorized and fully funded. She also rallied bipartisan support for conservation solutions like the Recovering America's Wildlife Act, the expansion of offshore wind and clean energy solutions, and climate-informed infrastructure solutions.

Davis has more than 13 years of working at the Department of Interior. She served as Chief of Staff to Interior Secretaries Sally Jewell and Ken Salazar, where she implemented Obama Administration priorities including conservation of public lands, responsible energy development, and strengthening relationships with Tribal nations. She was involved in all major issues before the Department, including the permitting of the first offshore wind project, restoration of the Klamath River basin, and serving on a crisis team during the BP oil spill in 2010.

She also served at Interior during the Clinton administration in a variety of roles, including Associate Director of Congressional and Legislative Affairs. Between her stints at Interior, Davis served as Deputy Chief of Staff to then-Representative Mark Udall of Colorado, where she managed his Washington office and provided strategic guidance on the implementation of policy

on energy and climate change, public lands, and Farm Bill conservation programs.

Davis' extensive experience both at the Department and on Capitol Hill makes her exceptionally qualified to help Secretary Haaland and President Biden implement an ambitious agenda to build resiliency in our forests, restore grasslands and coasts, increase partnerships with private landowners, improve relationships with Tribal communities, recover imperiled wildlife, diversify the nation's energy portfolio, expand recreation opportunities, and break down barriers so all Americans can fully benefit from our nation's public lands, waters, and coasts.

There is much urgent work to be done. We urge you to swiftly confirm Laura Daniel Davis as Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management.

Sincerely,

Alaska Wilderness League

American Rivers

Audubon Alaska

Californians for Western Wilderness

Christian Council of Delmarva

Clean Energy Action

Colorado Wildlands Project

Conservation Council For Hawaii

Conservation Lands Foundation

Conservation Law Foundation

Defenders of Wildlife

Earthjustice

Earthworks

Empower our Future - Colorado

Endangered Habitats League

Environmental Defense Fund

Friends of Plumas Wilderness

Grand Staircase Escalante Partners

Great Old Broads for Wilderness

Hispanic Access Foundation

Inland Ocean Coalition

Institute for a Progressive Nevada

League of Conservation Voters

Montana Conservation Voters

National Audubon Society

National Ocean Protection Coalition

National Parks Conservation Association

National Wildlife Federation

Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC)

Nevada Conservation League

NJ Audubon

Oceana

Oregon Natural Desert Association

Revitalization Strategies

Rocky Mountain Wild

Save the Manatee Club

Sierra Club

Soda Mountain Wilderness Council

Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance

The Mountain Pact

The Trust for Public Land

The Wilderness Society

VetVoice Foundation

West Virginia Rivers Coalition

Western Nebraska Resources Council

Wild Montana