



February 4, 2019

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Minority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Majority Leader McConnell and Minority Leader Schumer:

The undersigned organizations representing the Outdoor Recreation Roundtable (ORR), a coalition of leading U.S. outdoor recreation trade associations, are writing to urge you to bring the Natural Resources Management Act (S. 47) to the Senate floor for a vote. Now that the Federal government is reopened, the House and Senate have the opportunity to kick off the 116th Congress by passing a momentous piece of legislation that would take great strides in protecting our public lands and waterways, which tremendously suffered during the recent shutdown, and deliver needed reforms to enhance the outdoor recreation experience.

The outdoor recreation economy accounts for 2.2 percent of the U.S. GDP, producing a combined \$734 billion output for the U.S. economy and supports 4.5 million direct jobs. Despite these impressive numbers, the outdoor economy still has considerable room to grow. Smart investments and public lands management policies are needed — and time is of the essence. Outdated policies and the lack of investment in recreation infrastructure is unsustainable and jeopardizes the growth of our sector, which is why we are asking Congress to immediately put forth and pass a robust public lands package.

ORR applauds the significant headway that bipartisan negotiators made for outdoor recreation in developing this package. We also look forward to working with you to pass this legislation early in the year and continue to identify opportunities to address additional critical issues for the recreation economy.

The House and Senate should take full advantage of this unique opportunity to pass legislation that enjoys bipartisan support and will benefit all Americans while boosting the national economy. Congress must act swiftly to guarantee America's Great Outdoors receive the attention and resources they so richly deserve and to ensure the outdoor recreation economy continues to grow.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to working with you to achieving a historic and important step forward for American's outdoor recreation legacy.

Sincerely:

American Horse Council
American Sportfishing Association
Archery Trade Association
Association of Marina Industries
Boat Owners Association of the United States
The Corps Network
International Snowmobile Manufacturers
Association
Marine Retailers Association of the Americas
Motorcycle Industry Council

National Association of RV Parks and Campgrounds
National Marine Manufacturers Association
National Park Hospitality Association
National Shooting Sports Foundation
PeopleForBikes
Recreational Off-Highway Vehicle Association
RV Dealers Association
RV Industry Association
Specialty Equipment Market Association
Specialty Vehicle Institute of America