



September 20, 2021

The Honorable Joe Manchin  
Chairman  
Energy and Natural Resources Committee  
304 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable John Barrasso  
Ranking Member  
Energy and Natural Resources Committee  
304 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
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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 support for the nomination of Laura Daniel-Davis to be the next Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management at the Department of the Interior. We are hopeful that the Senate will confirm Ms. Daniel-Davis in a timely manner to ensure that the Department can move forward with supporting the growing recreation economy and outdoor access for all Americans.

ORR is the nation's leading coalition of outdoor recreation trade associations – made up of 34 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 and 5.2 million American jobs and was growing faster than the economy as a whole in every indicator.

As Assistant Secretary, Ms. Daniel-Davis will lead policy for the Bureau of Land Management, which stewards many of our nation's most important public lands. 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 and waters, as well as full funding of the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF). Ms. Daniel-Davis has worked on these issues for years, in both the public and private sector, and was a champion for LWCF and recreation infrastructure during her years at Interior with the Obama Administration. Industry leaders who strongly supported these policies throughout the legislative process look forward to partnering with your committee and Ms. Daniel-Davis 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 former Chief of Policy and Advocacy at the National Wildlife Federation, Ms. Daniel-Davis has extensive knowledge of the conservation issues facing our nation and the crucial role outdoor recreation plays in maintaining our public lands and waters. 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. Daniel-Davis and her team on the many issues that the Department will be leading on that impact outdoor recreation. The Bureau of Land Management is well positioned to ensure outdoor recreation revitalizes our economy and provides equitable access to all forms of recreation. We are hopeful that the Department will also work with the outdoor recreation industry on guide and outfitter reform, campground and marina improvements and modernization for the future of recreation so our industry can continue to make important contributions to healthy people, places, communities and economies.

As the nomination process continues, we appreciate you considering ORR's support for Ms. Daniel-Davis 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 117<sup>th</sup> Congress on important issues for outdoor recreation that will help grow our industry and the nation's economy as a whole.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Turner", enclosed within a thin black rectangular border.

Jessica Turner  
Executive Director