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The Honorable Mitch McConnell
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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
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The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Minority Leader
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Leader Schumer, Leader McConnell, Speaker Pelosi, and Leader McCarthy,

On behalf of the outdoor recreation economy, the Outdoor Recreation Roundtable Association – along with the 35 national associations and more than 140 local associations and small businesses from across the country who have signed this letter – would like to express our strong support for the America’s Outdoor Recreation Act (S.3266) and urge its passage through both the Senate and the House of Representatives either as part of the National Defense Authorization Act or other legislative package before the end of the 117th Congress. This bipartisan, commonsense legislation would appropriately meet the growing demand for access to the outdoors while also protecting public lands and waters for future use at no additional cost to taxpayers. We believe the America’s Outdoor Recreation Act will improve experiences on public lands and waters, advance conservation efforts, and continue to grow the outdoor recreation economy, especially in rural communities.

The America’s Outdoor Recreation Act unanimously passed the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee earlier this year and is awaiting a full Senate vote. It includes important initiatives, including comprehensive permit streamlining, better mechanisms to improve campgrounds, investments in broadband infrastructure, authorities to work with rural communities to help grow local economies, and approaches to gather better visitation data at a time of unprecedented visitor demand. This legislation helps modernize outdoor recreation infrastructure, manage already conserved lands and waters to support businesses recovering from COVID-19 and now impacted by wildfires and drought, ensure better access to the outdoors for all Americans, mitigate the impacts of ever-increasing visitation in some areas, and create jobs by supporting rural economies, communities, and quality of life.

According to the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA), the outdoor recreation industry generated \$689 billion in economic output, accounted for 1.8 percent of GDP, and supported 4.3 million American jobs in 2020, and was also growing faster than the economy in every indicator prior to the pandemic. New data on the size and impact of this industry will be released by BEA



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November 9th, and we believe it will show the largest year ever for our industry, reflecting Americans' renewed desire to recreate outdoors. To ensure this vital sector continues to grow and support communities, economies, jobs, and more, the outdoor recreation community asks you to **advance the America's Outdoor Recreation Act of 2022 before this Congress ends.**

This transformative legislation could be a win-win for businesses, conservation, and Democrats and Republicans alike, and we look forward to working with you and your staffs on it.

Sincerely,

National Organizations

Access Fund
America Outdoors Association
American Alpine Club
American Horse Council
American Mountain Guides Association
American Sportfishing Association
American Trails
Archery Trade Association
Backcountry Hunters and Anglers
Boat Owners Association of the United States
CHM Government Services
Diving Equipment and Marketing Association
International Mountain Biking Association
International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association
Marine Retailers Association of the Americas
Motorcycle Industry Council
National Deer Association
National Forest Recreation Association
National Marine Manufacturers Association
National RV Dealers Association
National Wild Turkey Federation
Orion, the Hunter's Institute
Outdoor Industry Association
PeopleForBikes
Professional TrailBuilders Association
Recreational Off-Highway Vehicle Association
REI Co-op
RV Industry Association
Specialty Equipment Market Association
Specialty Vehicle Institute of America



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Surfrider Foundation
The Corps Network
The Mountaineers
Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership
Winter Wildlands Alliance

State/Local Organizations

Blue Ridge Off-Road Cyclists
Colorado Mountain Bike Association
Mountain Bike the Tetons
New England Mountain Bike Association - Midcoast Maine Chapter & Sidecountry Trails
Rogue Valley Mountain Bike Association
Shenandoah Valley Bicycle Coalition
Southern Nevada Mountain Biking Association

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Anna Alewine - Pisgah Climbing School
Mark Allen - Mountain Bureau
Ben Ammon - Irwin Guides, Aspen Expeditions, RMI Expeditions, Pro Guiding Service
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Kristin Arnold - Moxie Mountain Guides
John Barkhausen - Kaf Adventures, Mountain Madness
Doug Bernard - Sawtooth Mountain Guides, Pro Guiding Service
Berndt Bittlingmaier - Pro Guiding Service
Kurt Blair - San Juan Mountain Guides
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Jordan Cargill - Mountain Shadow Adventures
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Woody Jacobson - Kaf Adventures
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