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Pitt Grewe Utah Division of Outdoor Recreation Utah Department of Natural Resources State of Utah

Dear Pitt.

On behalf of the outdoor recreation community, we want to share our heartfelt thanks for your service to the outdoor recreation economy and its wide benefits for the people of Utah. High-quality outdoor recreation infrastructure and access ensure fulfilling and healthy lives for all Americans, and your work exemplifies this relationship. Utah's outdoor recreation economy, which accounts for \$6.1 billion (2.7%) of the state's GDP and 66,736 jobs, is in a great position thanks to your leadership.

We want to highlight a few of your accomplishments in particular:

- Creation of the new Utah Division of Outdoor Recreation by merging the Division of Recreation and the Office
 of Outdoor Recreation into one entity. The new division is committed to ensuring every Utahn can live a healthy
 and active lifestyle through outdoor recreation and access to natural space.
- Implementation of the Outdoor Adventure Commission during the 2020 legislative session with the primary goal of developing a strategic plan to meet the future needs of outdoor recreation within Utah.
- Advocated for the new Outdoor Adventure Infrastructure Restricted Account and more than \$36 million annual
 funding appropriated to statewide outdoor recreation infrastructure, State Parks infrastructure, access, paved
 pedestrian or non-motorized transportation paths, vertical trails, and increased outdoor access.
- Helped ensure permanent ongoing funding of the Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure Grant Program.
- Bolstered outdoor businesses, industry events, and land managers through the challenges caused by the pandemic.

As evidenced by the work above, your impact on outdoor recreation will be appreciated by Utah's residents and visitors alike for years to come, and we will miss your leadership in the role. Thank you again for your commitment to promoting outdoor recreation and its benefits, and we wish you the best in your next endeavors.

With gratitude,

Outdoor Recreation Roundtable

Backcountry

Black Diamond Equipment

DPS Skis EDCUtah

Goal Zero

Grand Trunk

Gregory Mountain Products

Liberty Mountain

Max Connect

Motorcycle Industry Council

National Marine Manufacturers Association

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