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## The Mountain Pact Urges Confirmation of Laura Daniel Davis for Assistant Secretary of the Department of the Interior

**DURANGO, CO** -- Tomorrow the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee will hold a <u>committee</u> <u>hearing</u> to consider pending nominations. In June, President <u>Biden announced</u> that he nominated Laura Daniel Davis to serve as Assistant Secretary for Lands and Mineral Management at the Department of Interior.

In reaction to the hearing, Anna Peterson, Executive Director of The Mountain Pact, a coalition of elected officials across Western mountain communities, issued the following statement urging Laura Daniel Davis' swift confirmation:

"Laura Daniel Davis is exactly the type of public lands champion we need in leadership at the Department of Interior.

As Chief of Staff to Interior Secretaries Sally Jewell and Ken Salazar in the Obama administration and having served various leadership roles at the department during the Clinton administration, Daniel Davis brings a wealth of experience to the position.

We know that she will help deliver on President Biden's ambitious agenda to increase conservation and combat climate change by protecting America's public lands for our Western communities. We urge the Senate to confirm Laura Daniel Davis as quickly as possible."

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Founded in 2014, <u>The Mountain Pact</u> mobilizes local elected officials in over 80 Western mountain communities with outdoor recreation based economies to speak with a collective voice on federal climate, public lands, and outdoor recreation policy.