



March 6, 2017

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
United States Senate  
317 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Chuck Schumer  
United States Senate  
322 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Paul Ryan  
United States House of Representatives  
1233 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
United States House of Representatives  
233 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Senator Mitch McConnell, Senator Chuck Schumer, Representative Paul Ryan, and Representative Nancy Pelosi,

I am writing to introduce you to The Mountain Pact and share the attached letters from mountain communities, chambers of commerce, and economic development corporations (EDCs) highlighting the economic benefits of national public lands in the Intermountain West, and in particular, the new jobs study made possible by the bipartisan Outdoor Recreation Jobs and Economic Impact Analysis Act ('Outdoor REC Act') [S. 6518 and H.R. 4665] of 2016.

Passed unanimously by the U.S. Congress, the Outdoor REC Act requires that the federal government study and complete the first-ever analysis of the jobs associated with tourism, hunting and fishing, manufacturing of outdoor gear, and other economic implications of visits to our national parks and other public lands, which our communities depend on. Finally, this economic impact will be recognized and counted toward the national GDP.

As you know, the outdoor recreation economy is already recognized for contributing an estimated \$646 billion to the US economy with 6.1 million direct Americans jobs. It drives our local economies, not only through spending directly associated with outdoor recreation, but also by making our communities attractive to new residents, entrepreneurs and small businesses. Visitors to and uses of our national public lands, local jobs, and the economy of Western communities are inextricably linked.

The Mountain Pact is a network of such outdoor recreation-based mountain towns in the Intermountain West working together to build economic and environmental resilience in our communities through a shared voice on federal policy. The Mountain Pact represents approximately 240,000 permanent residents, 43 million visitors, and 5,200 small and medium-sized businesses.

Attached please find forty-three letters from local governments and other Intermountain West stakeholders in support of implementation of the Outdoor REC Act-authorized study. It is vital to local jobs in these states, and to the future of our towns. Please contact me at [diana@themountainpact.org](mailto:diana@themountainpact.org) with any questions.

Thank you for your continued support for our outdoor economy.

Sincerely,

Diana Madson  
Executive Director, The Mountain Pact

## Mountain Communities for Environmental & Economic Resilience

Diana Madson, Executive Director

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# The Mountain Pact



February 7, 2017

President Donald Trump  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20500

The Honorable Ryan Zinke  
Secretary U.S. Department of the Interior  
1849 C Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear President Trump and Secretary Zinke,

As chambers of commerce and economic development corporations (EDCs) in world-class tourism destinations, we share our enthusiastic support of the Outdoor Recreation Jobs and Economic Impact Act ('Outdoor REC Act') [S. 6518/H.R. 4665]. In late 2016, the Outdoor REC Act passed the U.S. Senate and the House of Representatives with strong support, including co-sponsorship from then-Congressman Zinke. Before the passage of this bill, the federal government did not account for the outdoor recreation industry's contribution to the U.S. economy, estimated at of \$646 billion year. With the Outdoor REC Act, Congress has directed the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) to collect, track, and analyze data to report on the local and collective economic impact of America's outdoor economy.

Together, our local chambers of commerce and EDCs represent 5,200 businesses, 12 towns, 200,000 permanent residents and 40 million annual visitors. We are surrounded by and serve as the gateways to unparalleled outdoor recreation opportunities that support our local businesses, entrepreneurs and regional economies. The tourism generated from people adventuring into the neighboring public lands helps our communities to diversify economically by making them more attractive to new residents, entrepreneurs and small businesses, and investments that provide towns with a competitive advantage to attract retirees, businesses and telecommuters wanting to live close to outdoor recreation opportunities.

According to the Outdoor Industry Association, outdoor recreation supports 6.1 million American jobs, and \$80 billion in federal, state, and local tax revenues. Through a comprehensive BEA analysis, the Outdoor REC Act is an important step in valuing the impact of use and visits to the natural and cultural assets that our communities depend on for local jobs, revenue and quality of life for our residents.

While the Outdoor REC Act directs the study of the outdoor economy by the BEA, the law did not include allocated funding for annual maintenance of the modeling and economic analysis. We respectfully request that your Administration put its full support behind the analysis and completion of the outdoor recreation economy study. It is of utmost importance to Western businesses, our chambers, and local economies.

We look forward to working with you both to not only ensure that the Bureau of Economic Analysis study is funded and completed, but to also support the national public lands on which our communities depend

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Alta Chamber and Visitors Bureau  
Aspen Chamber Resort Association  
Bend Chamber of Commerce  
Crested Butte/Mt. Crested Butte Chamber of Commerce  
Estes Park Economic Development Corporation  
Estes Valley Partners for Commerce  
Jackson Hole Chamber of Commerce  
Leadville Lake County Chamber of Commerce  
Lake Tahoe South Shore Chamber of Commerce  
Mammoth Lakes Chamber of Commerce  
Ouray Chamber Resort Association  
Ridgway Area Chamber of Commerce  
Taos Ski Valley Chamber of Commerce  
Vail Valley Partnership

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From the Denver Business Journal:

<http://www.bizjournals.com/denver/news/2017/02/03/opinionoutdoor-rec-act-gives-boost-to-major.html>

## Opinion: Outdoor Rec Act gives boost to major Colorado industry

Feb 3, 2017, 6:15am MST

When the Outdoor Recreation Jobs and Economic Impact Act was passed in early December, it gave assurances to Colorado's tourism-dependent economies that America is committed to the outdoor recreation industry -- at least to the extent that other industries are acknowledged by the federal government.

The Outdoor REC Act passed with bipartisan support in the U.S. Congress, directing the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) to measure and quantify the economic value and jobs associated with outdoor recreation, such as those related to hunting and fishing, manufacturing outdoor gear, retail and hospitality, and other economic implications of visits to our national parks and public lands. The Vail Valley and other mountain communities throughout the country thrive on outdoor recreation as a key driver of our local economies.

For over 50 years, Vail Valley Partnership has been working on behalf of the economic vitality of this area. Not only do we work as the regional chamber of commerce and economic development agency for this area, we also promote it as a year round destination for outdoor recreation enthusiasts.

The Vail Valley is a world famous ski region and is an increasingly popular location for mountain biking, hiking, golfing, horseback riding and other types of outdoor recreation. The community's shops, restaurants, hotels and other local businesses cater to tourists who are drawn to incomparable beauty and recreation opportunities in this region – or non-tourism businesses that appreciate our recreational assets. The revenue generated by outdoor recreation helps our community to diversify economically by making it more attractive to new residents, entrepreneurs and small businesses.

Our local economy is dependent on this outdoor recreation and it is the role of Vail Valley Partnership to help ensure an environment where local businesses can survive and thrive.

That is why we celebrate the Outdoor REC Act and applaud the bipartisan effort behind escalating this important bill – especially the leadership of Colorado Senator Cory Gardner.



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Chris Romer, Vail Valley Partnership

The Outdoor REC Act will quantify the contributions of mountain communities like those in the Vail Valley to the U.S. economy. The revenue generated by the outdoor industry is estimated at \$646 billion and 6.1 million direct American jobs. Providing information on the structure and interaction of all sectors of the economy is an essential function of the government. The results of this BEA study will be a critical tool for policymakers to better understand the direct and indirect economic impacts of outdoor recreation when making decisions. For example, when making the case for investment in trail maintenance or forest restoration, advocates for outdoor recreation and public lands will have official federal economic data to back it up. With the BEA study results, policymakers will have the objective data they need to understand that the connection between visits to and uses of our national public lands, local jobs, and the economy of Western communities, are inextricably linked.

Vail Valley Partnership is joining chambers of commerce and economic development corporations from mountain communities across the Intermountain West on a joint letter to the Trump Administration, requesting that it put its full support behind the analysis and completion of the outdoor recreation economy study.

Outdoor Recreation is an important economic driver here in the Vail Valley as well as throughout the country in rural, tourism dependent regions. Vail Valley Partnership looks forward to how this new law, and the critical economic information it now requires the government to collect and publish will benefit our members, local businesses, and regional economy in the coming years.

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## Name of victim of Ronan school bus crash released

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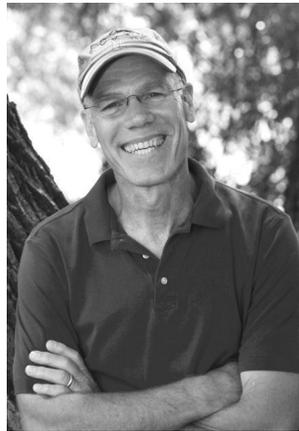
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GUEST COLUMN

## Outdoor REC Act a lifeline for Whitefish

RICHARD HILDNER Feb 20, 2017



Hildner

When Republicans and Democrats agree on an idea, you know it's likely a good one. Recently, the president signed the Outdoor Recreation Jobs and Economic Impact Act, a bill that the U.S. Congress passed with unanimous, bipartisan support, including that of U.S. Rep. Ryan Zinke, nominee for secretary of the Department of the Interior. Now, for the first time, the nation will have an accurate accounting of jobs associated with America's great outdoors.

As a member of the Whitefish City Council, I am delighted by news of this bill's passage, as our success in creating jobs locally will now be measured as part of the nation's economic growth.

People are drawn to this area for paddling the Whitefish River, fishing, rafting, hiking and playing in Glacier National Park, or enjoying the slopes at the Whitefish Mountain Ski Resort. Whitefish is known for its endless opportunities for recreation, but without fail, visitors also fall in love with our vibrant community. Local businesses involved in hospitality, dining, guiding and other recreation-based activities are an important economic foundation here in Whitefish.

Although we already know first hand that tourism-dependent mountain towns like Whitefish are a significant contributor to the American economy, the Outdoor REC Act now directs the federal Bureau of Economic Analysis to coordinate and examine the value of recreation nationwide. For those of us who serve in local government and want to see a more efficient federal bureaucracy, this enhanced accounting, communication and cooperation is exciting. But that's only the start. This coordination will result in reporting the economic impact of local outdoor recreation and start including outdoor rec dollars when measuring the country's Gross Domestic Product – a number that affects almost every aspect of America's economic policies.

Until passage of the Outdoor REC Act, income generated by outdoor recreation was not included as a part of the GDP. Although federal accountants measure the role of other economic sectors such as the arts, oil and gas, and manufacturing, the outdoor industry heretofore was ignored. Yet the outdoor economy is huge: according to the Interior Department, it generates \$646 billion to the U.S. economy and provides 6.1 million direct Americans jobs — almost equal to pharmaceuticals and automobile manufacturing combined.

The Outdoor REC Act is an important first step toward better understanding of and accounting for the powerful influence in job creation and economic growth of mountain towns like ours, whose economies are closely linked to outdoor recreation and tourism. Now the federal government has begun to fully recognize and record the economic benefits of outdoor recreation.

Thanks to bipartisan leadership in Congress, the Outdoor REC Act has ensured that the jobs associated with tourism, hunting and fishing, manufacturing of outdoor gear, and visitation to our national parks, forests, monuments and other national public lands will finally be recognized and counted.

I want to personally thank Zinke for understanding the importance of Western public lands not only for our identity and lifestyle, but for building our local economies, as well. I am hopeful that Congressman Zinke, if confirmed as secretary of Interior, will protect and defend our public lands and the jobs and outdoor economy that are dependent upon them.

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Richard Hildner is a retired high school teacher and member of the Whitefish City Council.



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February 2, 2017

The Honorable Mark Amodei  
United States House of Representatives  
332 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Amodei,

On behalf of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, I'd like to extend our sincere gratitude for your leadership on two important pieces of legislation last year. First, passage of the Lake Tahoe Restoration Act in late 2016 marks a milestone for the Tahoe Basin eight years in the making. Thank you for your tenacity in helping us move the bill over the finish line. The Act will provide the federal share of vital support for both the environment and economy of Lake Tahoe and we look forward to working with you on appropriations to implement the bill.

We would also like to thank you for your support of the Outdoor Recreation Jobs and Economic Impact Act ('Outdoor REC Act') [S. 6518/H.R. 4665]. Outdoor recreation is an economic powerhouse that annually accounts for \$646 billion in consumer spending, 6.1 million American jobs, and \$80 billion in federal, state, and local tax revenue.

With Lake Tahoe's approximate 53,000 permanent residents and up to 24 million visitors per year, Lake Tahoe serves as the gateway to world-class outdoor recreation opportunities that drive our local economy. The Outdoor REC Act will finally put a dollar figure on the natural assets our community depends on for local jobs, revenue, and quality of life. We look forward to working with you to ensure the Bureau of Economic Analysis study is completed

Again, thank you for your ongoing support. We are eager to work with your office to turn the vision for the Lake Tahoe Restoration Act into reality for the benefit of future generations of residents and visitors to Lake Tahoe.

Sincerely,

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Joanne S. Marchetta,  
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February 2, 2017

The Honorable Dean Heller  
United States Senate  
324 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Heller,

On behalf of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, please accept our most sincere thanks for your tireless leadership on the Lake Tahoe Restoration Act over the last few years. Passage of our bill in December was a major milestone for the Tahoe Basin. Your continued leadership and support for Lake Tahoe is truly appreciated. The Act will provide the federal share of vital support for both the environment and economy of Lake Tahoe and we look forward to working with you on securing appropriations to implement the bill.

We would also like to thank you for your support of the Outdoor Recreation Jobs and Economic Impact Act ('Outdoor REC Act') [S. 6518/H.R. 4665]. Outdoor recreation is an economic powerhouse that annually accounts for \$646 billion in consumer spending, 6.1 million American jobs, and \$80 billion in federal, state, and local tax revenue.

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From serving as TRPA's Governing Board Chair to your leadership in the US Senate, Lake Tahoe is fortunate to have such a stalwart champion. Thank you!

Sincerely,

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Joanne S. Marchetta,  
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February 2, 2017

The Honorable Catherine Cortez Masto  
United States Senate  
331 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Cortez Masto:

On behalf of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, I'd like to congratulate you on your successful campaign for the United States Senate. We have worked closely with Senator Reid's office for many years on a number of key pieces of environmental legislation.

First, passage of the Lake Tahoe Restoration Act in late 2016 marks a milestone for the Tahoe Basin eight years in the making. The Act will provide the federal share of vital support for both the environment and economy of Lake Tahoe and we look forward to working with you on appropriations to implement the bill.

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We look forward to working with you and are eager to turn the vision for the Lake Tahoe Restoration Act into reality for the benefit of future generations of residents and visitors to Lake Tahoe.

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February 2, 2017

The Honorable Tom McClintock  
United States House of Representative  
2331 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman McClintock,

On behalf of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, I'd like to extend our sincere gratitude for your support of two important pieces of legislation last year. First, passage of the Lake Tahoe Restoration Act in late 2016 marks a milestone for the Tahoe Basin eight years in the making. Thank you for your leadership in the House of Representatives which led to the ultimate passage of the bill. The Act will provide the federal share of vital support for both the environment and economy of Lake Tahoe and we look forward to working with you on securing appropriations to implement the bill.

We would also like to thank you for your support of the Outdoor Recreation Jobs and Economic Impact Act ('Outdoor REC Act') [S. 6518/H.R. 4665]. Outdoor recreation is an economic powerhouse that annually accounts for \$646 billion in consumer spending, 6.1 million American jobs, and \$80 billion in federal, state, and local tax revenue.

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February 2, 2017

The Honorable Kamala Harris  
United States Senate  
331 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Harris:

On behalf of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, I'd like to offer our most sincere congratulations on your successful campaign for the United States Senate. We worked closely with Senator Boxer on a number of key pieces of environmental legislation and we look forward to working with your office going forward.

Passage of the Lake Tahoe Restoration Act in late 2016 marks a milestone for the Tahoe Basin eight years in the making. We worked with our California and Nevada congressional delegation to secure passage of the Act which provides the federal share of vital support for both the environment and economy of Lake Tahoe. Our next step is to secure appropriations to implement the bill to match state and local contributions.

Also of note late last year was passage of the Outdoor Recreation Jobs and Economic Impact Act ('Outdoor REC Act') [S. 6518/H.R. 4665]. Outdoor recreation is an economic powerhouse that annually accounts for \$646 billion in consumer spending, 6.1 million American jobs, and \$80 billion in federal, state, and local tax revenue.

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Again, congratulations on becoming California's next US Senator. We are eager to work with you to turn the vision for the Lake Tahoe Restoration Act into reality for the benefit of future generations of residents and visitors to Lake Tahoe.

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February 2, 2017

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein  
United States Senate  
331 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Feinstein,

On behalf of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, please accept our most sincere thanks for your tireless leadership on the Lake Tahoe Restoration Act over the last eight years. Passage of our bill in December was a major milestone for the Tahoe Basin and your tenacity was unwavering throughout the multi-year process. Your continued leadership and interest in Lake Tahoe is truly appreciated. The Act will provide the federal share of vital support for both the environment and economy of Lake Tahoe and we look forward to working with you on securing appropriations to implement the bill.

We would also like to thank you for your support of the Outdoor Recreation Jobs and Economic Impact Act ('Outdoor REC Act') [S. 6518/H.R. 4665]. Outdoor recreation is an economic powerhouse that annually accounts for \$646 billion in consumer spending, 6.1 million American jobs, and \$80 billion in federal, state, and local tax revenue.

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Again, thank you for your ongoing support for our "Tahoe Team." We are grateful for your passion to protect Lake Tahoe for the benefit of future generations.

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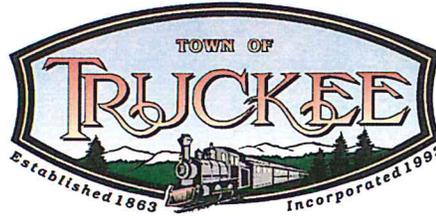
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January 18, 2017

The Honorable Kamala Harris  
United States Senate  
40B Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Kamala Harris,

Congratulations on your election to the U.S. Congress. As a constituent mountain community in a world-class tourist destination, we want to bring your attention to and share our enthusiastic support of the Outdoor Recreation Jobs and Economic Impact Act ('Outdoor REC Act') [S. 6518/H.R. 4665]. In late 2016, the Outdoor REC Act passed the U.S. Senate and the House of Representatives with strong support. Before the passage of this bill, the federal government did not account for the outdoor recreation industry's contribution to the U.S. economy, estimated at \$646 billion year. With the Outdoor REC Act, Congress has directed the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) to collect, track, and analyze data to report on the local and collective economic impact of America's outdoor economy.

Our community represents 16,165 permanent residents and millions of annual visitors to our community and the region. We are surrounded by and serve as the gateway to unparalleled outdoor recreation opportunities that drive our local economy. The tourism generated from people adventuring into these neighboring public lands helps attract and employ local residents, provides a market for local goods and services, and generates significant tax revenues we invest in local infrastructure and services.

The Outdoor REC Act is the first step to putting an independent analysis on the impact of use of and visits to the natural and cultural assets that our communities depends on for local jobs, revenue and quality of life for our residents. While the Outdoor REC Act directs the study of the outdoor economy by the BEA, the law did not allocate funding for the completion of the study.

We respectfully request your support in the 115th Congress in ensuring that the BEA study is funded in the fiscal year 2018 budget and completed. It is of utmost importance to our community and local economy.

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We look forward to working with you to not only ensure that the completion of the BEA study but to also further support the national public lands on which our local jobs and national outdoor economy relies.

Thank you for your time and your support.

Sincerely,

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Morgan Goodwin, Mayor

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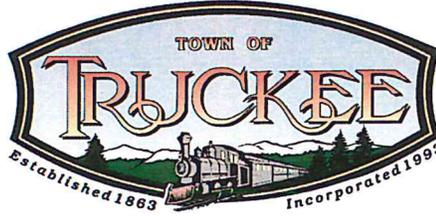
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January 24, 2017

The Honorable Tom McClintock  
United States House of Representative  
2331 Rayburn House Office Building  
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Dear Representative Tom McClintock,

The Town of Truckee extends our sincere gratitude for your support of the Outdoor Recreation Jobs and Economic Impact Act ('Outdoor REC Act') [S. 6518/H.R. 4665]. Outdoor recreation is an economic powerhouse that annually accounts for \$646 billion in consumer spending, 6.1 million American jobs, and \$80 billion in federal, state, and local tax revenue.

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The Outdoor REC Act will finally put a dollar figure on the natural assets that my community depends on for local jobs, revenue and quality of life for our residents.

We thank you for your dedication to protecting and enhancing our national parks, monuments, forests, wildlife areas, and other public lands. We look forward to working with you to not only ensure that the Bureau of Economic Analysis study is completed but to also further support the national public lands on which our local jobs and national outdoor economy relies.

Thank you for your time and your support.

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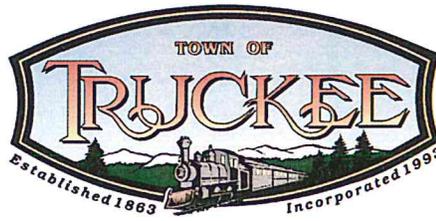
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Judy Price, Town Clerk

Daniel Wilkins, Public Works Director/Town Engineer

January 18, 2017

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein  
United States Senate  
331 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Dianne Feinstein,

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Our community represents 16,165 permanent residents and millions of annual visitors to our community and the region. Truckee is surrounded by and serves as the gateway to world-class outdoor recreation opportunities that drive our local economy. The tourism generated from people adventuring into these neighboring public lands helps attract and employ local residents, provides a market for local goods and services, and generates significant tax revenues we invest in local infrastructure and services.

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Sincerely,

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Morgan Goodwin, Mayor

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## Town of Mammoth Lakes

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January 18, 2017

The Honorable Paul Cook  
United States House of Representatives  
1222 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Cook,

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Sincerely,

Shields Richardson  
Mayor



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January 18, 2017

The Honorable Kamala Harris  
United States Senate  
40B Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Harris,

Congratulations on your election to the U.S. Congress. As a constituent mountain community in a world-class tourist destination, we want to bring your attention to and share our enthusiastic support of the Outdoor Recreation Jobs and Economic Impact Act ('Outdoor REC Act') [S. 6518/H.R. 4665]. In late 2016, the Outdoor REC Act passed the U.S. Senate and the House of Representatives with strong support. Before the passage of this bill, the federal government did not account for the outdoor recreation industry's contribution to the U.S. economy, estimated at \$646 billion year. With the Outdoor REC Act, Congress has directed the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) to collect, track, and analyze data to report on the local and collective economic impact of America's outdoor economy.

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The economy of Mammoth Lakes is greatly dependent upon outdoor recreation. The majority of jobs and businesses here are either directly or indirectly related to the recreation industry. The Outdoor REC Act is the first step to putting an independent analysis on the impact of use of and visits to the natural and cultural assets that our community depends on for local jobs, revenue and quality of life for our residents. While the Outdoor REC Act directs the study of the outdoor economy by the BEA, the law did not allocate funding for the completion of the study.

We respectfully request your support in the 115th Congress in ensuring that the BEA study is funded in the fiscal year 2018 budget and completed. It is of utmost importance to our community and local economy.

We look forward to working with you to not only ensure that the completion of the BEA study but to also further support the national public lands on which our local jobs and national outdoor economy relies.

Sincerely,



Shields Richardson, Mayor



THE CITY OF ASPEN

January 18, 2017

The Honorable Scott Tipton  
United States House of Representative  
218 Cannon House of Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Scott Tipton,

The City of Aspen extends our sincere gratitude for your co-sponsorship of the Outdoor Recreation Jobs and Economic Impact Act ('Outdoor REC Act') [S. 6518/H.R. 4665]. Outdoor recreation is an economic powerhouse that annually accounts for \$646 billion in consumer spending, 6.1 million American jobs, and \$80 billion in federal, state, and local tax revenue.

Our community represents 6,882 permanent residents and over a million annual visitors. Aspen is surrounded by and serves as the gateway to world-class outdoor recreation opportunities that drive our local economy. The tourism generated from people adventuring into these neighboring public lands helps attract and employ local residents, provides a market for local goods and services, and generates significant tax revenues.

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Sincerely,

Mayor Steve Skadron  
City of Aspen, Colorado



THE CITY OF ASPEN

January 18, 2017

The Honorable Michael Bennet  
United States Senate  
261 Russel Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

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City of Aspen, Colorado



THE CITY OF ASPEN

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The Honorable Cory Gardner  
United States Senate  
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City of Aspen, Colorado



**Town of Buena Vista**  
Post Office Box 2002  
Buena Vista, Colorado 81211  
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January 25, 2017

Honorable Doug Lamborn  
United States House of Representative  
2402 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Doug Lamborn,

The Town of Buena Vista extends our sincere gratitude for your co-sponsorship of the Outdoor Recreation Jobs and Economic Impact Act ('Outdoor REC Act') [S. 6518/H.R. 4665]. Outdoor recreation is an economic powerhouse that annually accounts for \$646 billion in consumer spending, 6.1 million American jobs, and \$80 billion in federal, state, and local tax revenue.

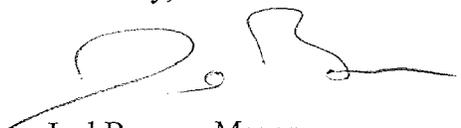
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Joel Benson, Mayor



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Joel Benson, Mayor



# TOWN OF ESTES PARK

January 11, 2017

The Honorable Senator Michael Bennet  
1127 Sherman Street, Suite 150  
Denver, CO 80203

Re: Co-Sponsorship of the Outdoor Recreation

Dear Senator Bennet,

The Town of Estes Park extends our sincere gratitude for your co-sponsorship of the Outdoor Recreation Jobs and Economic Impact Act ('Outdoor REC Act') [S. 6518/H.R. 4665]. Outdoor recreation is an economic powerhouse that annually accounts for \$646 billion in consumer spending, \$6.1 million American jobs, and \$80 billion in federal, state, and local tax revenue.

The Estes valley represents approximately 12,000 residents and over 4 million visitors each year. Estes Park serves as the gateway to world-class outdoor recreation opportunities that drive our local economy. The tourism generated from people adventuring into these neighboring public lands helps attract and employ local residents, provides a market for local goods and services, and generates significant tax revenues not only for local infrastructure and services, but provides significant contributions to the entire State of Colorado as well.

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Thank you for your time and your support.

Sincerely,

TOWN OF ESTES PARK

Todd Jirsa  
Mayor

cc: Board of Trustees

170 MACGREGOR AVE. P.O. BOX 1200



ESTES PARK, CO 80517 [www.estes.org](http://www.estes.org)

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# TOWN OF ESTES PARK

January 11, 2017

The Honorable Representative Jared Polis  
1644 Walnut Street  
Boulder, CO 80302

Re: Co-Sponsorship of the Outdoor Recreation

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1125 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 525  
Denver, CO 80203

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January 12, 2017

Honorable Scott Tipton  
United States House of Representative  
218 Cannon House of Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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John I. Clark  
Mayor



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United States Senate  
261 Russel Senate Office Building  
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January 23, 2017

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United States House of Representative  
218 Cannon House of Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Scott Tipton,

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Sean Murphy, Mayor  
Town of Telluride



January 23, 2017

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United States Senate  
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Sean Murphy, Mayor  
Town of Telluride

P.O. Box 397 Telluride, CO 81435



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United States Senate  
354 Russel Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

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Sean Murphy, Mayor  
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January 18, 2017

Honorable Martin Heinrich  
United States Senate  
303 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

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Honorable Ben Lujan  
United States House of Representatives  
2446 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Honorable Tom Udall  
United States Senate  
531 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

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Honorable Greg Walden  
United States House of Representatives  
2185 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Greg Walden,

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Honorable Jeff Merkley  
United States Senate  
313 Hart Senate Office Building  
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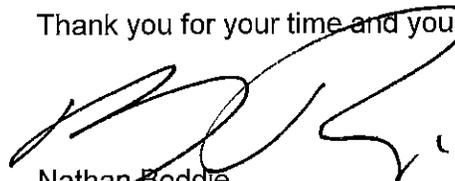
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Honorable Ron Wyden  
United States Senate  
221 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
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January 25, 2017

Honorable Orrin G. Hatch  
United States Senate  
104 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Hatch,

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Honorable Jason Chaffetz  
United States House of Representatives  
2236 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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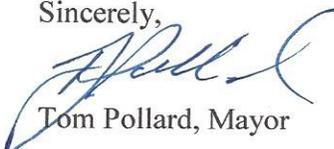
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January 25, 2017

Honorable Mike Lee  
United States Senate  
361A Russel Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

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Paul Vogelheim

January 30, 2017

The Honorable John Barrasso  
United States Senate  
307 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

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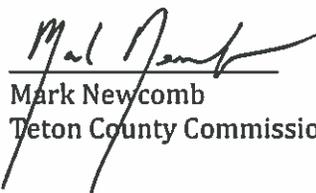
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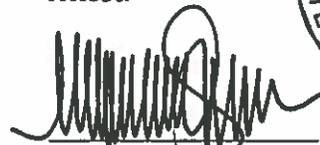
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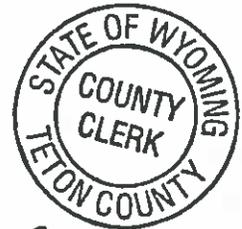
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Teton County Commission, Chair

Attest:

  
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The Honorable Michael Enzi  
United States Senate  
379A Russel Senate Office Building  
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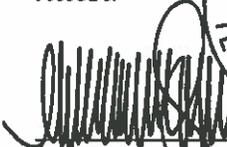
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The Honorable Liz Cheney  
United States House of Representative  
416 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

January 30, 2017

Dear Representative Cheney,

Congratulations on your election to the U.S. Congress. As a constituent mountain community in a world-class tourist destination, we want to bring your attention to and share our enthusiastic support of the Outdoor Recreation Jobs and Economic Impact Act ('Outdoor REC Act') [S. 6518/H.R. 4665].

In late 2016, the Outdoor REC Act passed the U.S. Senate and the House of Representatives with strong support. Before the passage of this bill, the federal government did not account for the outdoor recreation industry's contribution to the U.S. economy, estimated at \$646 billion year. With the Outdoor REC Act, Congress has directed the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) to collect, track, and analyze data to report on the local and collective economic impact of America's outdoor economy.

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The Outdoor REC Act is the first step to putting an independent analysis on the impact of use of and visits to the natural and cultural assets that our communities depends on for local jobs, revenue and quality of life for our residents. While the Outdoor REC Act directs the study of the outdoor economy by the BEA, the law did not allocate funding for the completion of the study.

We respectfully request your support in the 115th Congress in ensuring that the BEA study is funded in the fiscal year 2018 budget and completed. It is of utmost importance to our community and local economy.

We look forward to working with you to not only ensure that the completion of the BEA study but to also further support the national public lands on which our local jobs and national outdoor economy relies.

Thank you for your time and your support.

Best regards,

Mark Newcomb  
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January 23, 2017

The Honorable Patty Murray  
United States Senate  
154 Russel Senate Office Building  
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Dear Senator Murray,

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CC: Leavenworth City Council  
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## City of Leavenworth

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January 23, 2017

The Honorable Dave Reichert  
United States Representative  
1127 Longworth HOB  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Reichert,

The City of Leavenworth extends our sincere gratitude for your co-sponsorship of the Outdoor Recreation Jobs and Economic Impact Act ('Outdoor REC Act') [S. 6518/H.R. 4665]. Outdoor recreation is an economic powerhouse that annually accounts for \$646 billion in consumer spending, 6.1 million American jobs, and \$80 billion in federal, state, and local tax revenue.

Our community represents 1,995 permanent residents and approximately 2.5 million visitors annually. Leavenworth is surrounded by and serves as the gateway to world-class outdoor recreation opportunities that drive our local economy. The tourism generated from people adventuring into these neighboring public lands helps attract and employ local residents, provides a market for local goods and services, and generates significant tax revenues we invest in local infrastructure and services.

The Outdoor REC Act will finally put a dollar figure on the natural assets that my community depends on for local jobs, revenue, and quality of life for our residents.

We thank you for your dedication to protecting and enhancing our national parks, monuments, forests, wildlife areas, and other public lands. We look forward to working with you to not only ensure that the Bureau of Economic Analysis study is completed, but to also further support the national public lands on which our local jobs and national outdoor economy relies.

Thank you for your time and your support.

Sincerely,

Mayor Cheryl K. Farivar

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