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The Mountain Pact Urges Confirmation of Charles “Chuck” Sams III to Lead National Park Service

Today the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee will hold a hearing to move Charles “Chuck” Sams III ahead in the process to lead the National Park Service. In response, **Anna Peterson, Executive Director of [The Mountain Pact](#)**, an organization that works with local elected officials across the West on federal climate and public lands policies, said: *“The Mountain Pact urges the U.S. Senate to confirm Charles “Chuck” Sams III to lead the National Park Service. We haven’t had a Parks Chief since 2017 and it’s disgraceful that in the over 105 year Park Service history, it is yet to be led by a Native American. We call on the U.S. Senate to quickly confirm Chuck Sams III for this leadership position.”*

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Founded in 2014, [The Mountain Pact](#) 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.