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The Mountain Pact Supportive of Bureau of Land Management Headquarters Announcement

Today, the Department of Interior announced that they will be returning key Bureau of Land Management leadership to Washington, D.C. and make the Grand Junction location a western headquarters.

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 is grateful for the strong leadership and decision by the Department of Interior to return the Bureau of Land Management headquarters to Washington D.C. We saw so many skilled and [senior leaders leave the BLM during the Trump administration](#) because of the misguided and forced move to Grand Junction. This left the agency [hollowed out](#) with [87% of staff quitting](#).

Today’s decision is a wonderful compromise and example of the Department of Interior’s commitment to our public lands in the West by keeping a Western presence through an office in Grand Junction while leadership and directors return to D.C. Moving the headquarters back to D.C. will allow staff to more effectively collaborate and manage our nation’s public lands with proper oversight.

Now the U.S. Senate must confirm Tracy Stone-Manning to be the director of the Bureau of Land Management.”

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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.