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## **Western Local Officials Confident Tracy Stone-Manning an Excellent Choice for the New Director of the Bureau of Land Management**

**DURANGO, CO** -- With the [U.S. Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee voting](#) on Tracy Stone-Manning as the possible new Director of the Bureau of Land Management tomorrow, [The Mountain Pact](#) network of local elected officials released the following statements:

**Anna Peterson, Executive Director of The Mountain Pact said,** “In serving in a variety of leadership roles over the last twenty years, Tracy has proven she is a skilled leader. She is eminently qualified to lead the Bureau of Land Management and she knows what local elected officials and communities need. She is committed to ensuring a balanced approach to land management - one informed by science and robust public participation. I am confident based on her record that she will work with diverse stakeholders and be an effective advocate for the conservation of America’s public lands.”

“I’ve known Tracy Stone-Manning for many years. She is the perfect person to direct the Bureau of Land Management because she’s collaborative, patient and smart,” said **Missoula County Commissioner Juanita Vero.** “Montana has been lucky to have her working for us and future generations for decades. As a Westerner, former state official, congressional staffer and senior policy adviser, Tracy understands the unique challenges facing the Bureau of Land Management and has brought people together to solve difficult problems. We are honored to share her with the rest of the country.”

**City of Bozeman Mayor Cynthia Andrus said,** “There could hardly be a more qualified and accomplished person to lead this important agency than President Biden’s nominee for Bureau of Land Management Director, fellow Montanan Tracy Stone-Manning. Tracy has impressed many of us during her long career advocating for the sensible stewardship of our nation’s public lands and waters. In all of her roles, she’s demonstrated that she has the quintessential qualities of a great leader. We know she has what it takes to successfully lead the agency.”

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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.*