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The Mountain Pact Urges Confirmation of Public Lands Champion Representative Deb Haaland for Secretary of the Interior

Today, the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources held a confirmation hearing for New Mexico Representative Deb Haaland who has been nominated for Secretary of the Department of Interior. A full vote on the nomination is expected to take place by mid-March.

Anna Peterson, Executive Director of [The Mountain Pact](https://www.themountainpact.org), an organization that works with local elected officials across the West on federal climate and public lands policies, said: *“Over the past four years our public lands were sold off to the Trump administration’s friends and former clients while draining the agencies of their experienced staff. Our country needs Representative Deb Haaland at the helm of the Department of Interior to be able to correct so many wrongdoings from the Trump administration. She will focus on local communities and economies over corporations. As an Indigenous woman and a Westerner with extensive experience protecting and managing America’s most majestic landmarks, she is the ideal choice for the Secretary of Interior. We urge the Senate to confirm her as quickly as possible.”*

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Founded in 2014, [The Mountain Pact](https://www.themountainpact.org) 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.