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Mountain Pact Reacts to the Great American Outdoors Act Passing in the Senate, Calls on the House to “Get This Done”

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Durango, CO -- In response to the Senate passing the [Great American Outdoors Act](#), bipartisan legislation that will fully and permanently fund the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) today, The Mountain Pact gave these statements:

Anna Peterson, Executive Director of The Mountain Pact: “Public lands, parks, and trails are vital to restoring our country’s health and way of life amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. We thank the Senate for passing The Great American Outdoors Act and now urge the House of Representatives to quickly follow suit and move to have it signed by the president.”

Mayor of Bozeman, Montana, Chris Mehl, said, “Our public lands generate economic revenue and bring us peace of mind - both are critically important to recover from the impact of the COVID-19 outbreak. The Great American Outdoors Act will help sustain many of our small towns and businesses who rely on outdoor recreation to thrive; House of Representatives, we call on you to get this done.”

Mayor of Carbondale, Colorado, Dan Richardson, said, “Originally a bipartisan initiative, LWCF has continued to have the support of lawmakers from both sides of the aisle for decades, proving that supporting public lands isn’t political, it is just common sense. We are thankful to the U.S. Senate for passing the Great American Outdoors Act and look now to the House of Representatives to take similar action and pass this onto the president’s desk as quickly as possible.”

County Commissioner in Santa Fe County, New Mexico, Anna Hansen, said, “In the West we know firsthand the powers of the great outdoors, and we’re so thankful permanent LWCF funding may finally happen for our communities. It’s time to get this bi-partisan legislation over the finish line; future generations and the health of America’s public lands in mountain communities are depending on it.”

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Founded in 2014, [The Mountain Pact](#) is an organization that works with over fifty mountain communities in all eleven states across the American West to empower them to build resilience in the face of economic and environmental stresses through a shared voice on federal policy related to climate, public lands, and outdoor recreation