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The Mountain Pact Supportive of Laura Daniel-Davis being Named Acting Deputy Secretary of the Department of the Interior

Durango, Colorado - Anna Peterson, Executive Director of The Mountain Pact, a coalition of local elected officials from Western mountain communities, issued the following statement on the [Department of Interior's announcement](#) that Laura Daniel-Davis has been named Acting Deputy Secretary:

"As we've said many times before, Laura Daniel-Davis is exactly the type of public lands champion we need in leadership at the Department of Interior.

Daniel-Davis brings a wealth of experience to the position - most recently as the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management at the Interior Department. She was also the Chief of Staff to Interior Secretaries Sally Jewell and Ken Salazar in the Obama administration and served various leadership roles at the department during the Clinton administration. Because of her collaborative approach and experience in working with community leaders, she is just the kind of person who should help lead the Department.

She will help continue to deliver on President Biden's agenda to increase conservation and combat climate change by protecting America's public lands for our Western communities. We are thrilled that Laura Daniel-Davis has been named Acting Deputy Secretary of the Department of the Interior."

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Founded in 2014, [The Mountain Pact](#) mobilizes local elected officials in nearly 100 Western mountain communities with outdoor recreation based economies to speak with a collective voice on federal climate, public lands, and outdoor recreation policy.

