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The Mountain Pact Urges Confirmation of Tommy Beaudreau for Deputy Secretary of the Department of the Interior

DURANGO, CO -- Moments ago, President Biden <u>announced</u> that he will nominate Tommy Beaudreau to serve as deputy secretary of the Department of Interior.

In reaction to this announcement, Anna Peterson, executive director of The Mountain Pact, a coalition of elected officials across Western mountain communities, issued the following statement urging Beaudreau's swift confirmation:

"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 experienced leaders like Tommy Beaudreau in the Department of Interior to be able to correct so many wrongdoings from the Trump administration.

"Beaudreau brings a wealth of experience to the position and we know that he will be an effective advocate for President Biden's ambitious agenda to increase conservation and combat climate change by protecting America's public lands. We urge the Senate to confirm Beaudreau as quickly as possible."

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Founded in 2014, <u>The Mountain Pact</u> 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.