

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20510

November 27, 2018

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader, U.S. Senate
U.S. Capitol, S-230
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Minority Leader, U.S. Senate
U.S. Capitol, S-221
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Paul Ryan
Speaker of the House of Representatives
U.S. Capitol, H-232
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Minority Leader, U.S. House of Representatives
U.S. Capitol, H-204
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Majority Leader, U.S. House of Representatives
U.S. Capitol, H-107
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Majority Leader McConnell, Minority Leader Schumer, Speaker Ryan, Majority Leader McCarthy, and Minority Leader Pelosi:

As the end of the 115th Congress approaches, we write to express our strong support for the inclusion of a public lands legislative package—which enjoys tremendous bipartisan support—in any end-of-year legislative vehicle(s) still in consideration.

Public lands in our states support billions of dollars in revenue from outdoor recreation experiences and record numbers of visitors to U.S. national parks and federal lands. Public lands also provide exceptional habitat for hunting and fishing, and they protect many of our nation’s most treasured natural, historical, and cultural resources.

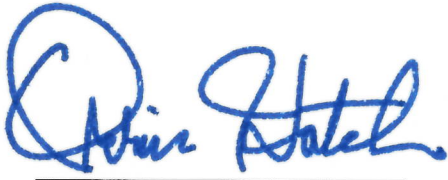
Due to the significance of public lands issues across the nation, there are currently numerous legislative priorities awaiting floor action via a public lands package. This range of public lands, land exchange, and conveyance bills augment our nation’s remarkable public lands, balance the diverse interests of local stakeholders, address community growth, maintain public access, and enhance conservation.

As this legislative session draws to a close, we believe that there is now a timely and crucial opportunity to pass a consensus-driven public-lands package that would help responsibly sustain the resources and recreation opportunities that drive local economies for generations to come, while appropriately expanding and protecting our nation’s pristine wilderness areas and other federally-protected areas.

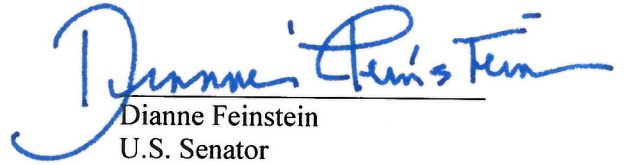
A public lands package would have significantly positive impacts on our shared conservation goals, responsible economic growth, and local communities. Therefore, we strongly urge you to advance a public lands package through Congress before the end of the year.

Thank you for your consideration, and we appreciate your attention to this important issue.


Sincerely,



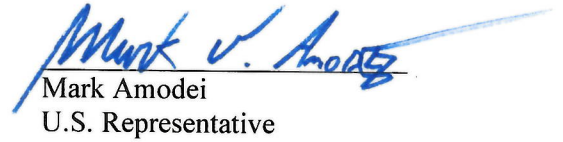
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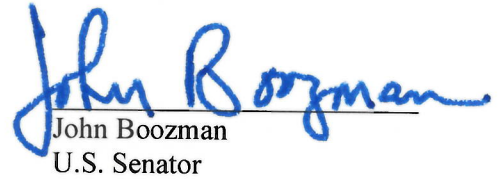
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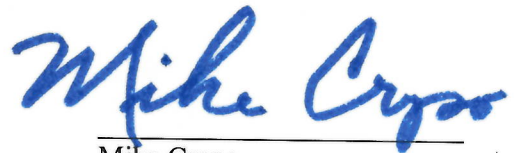
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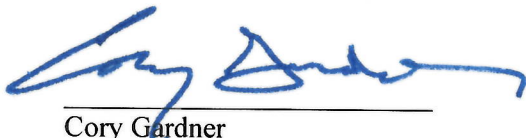
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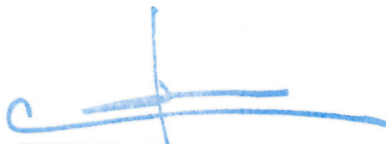
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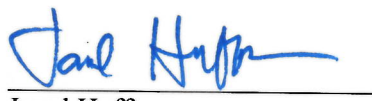
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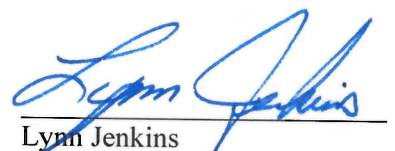
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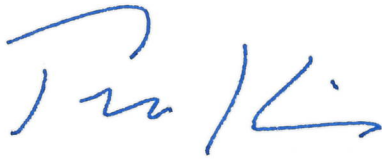
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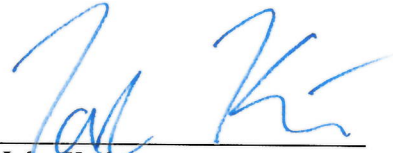
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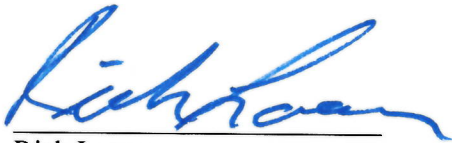
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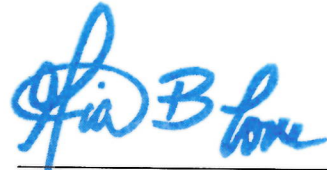
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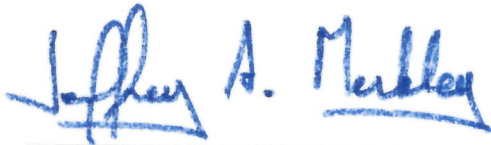
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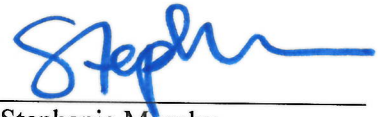
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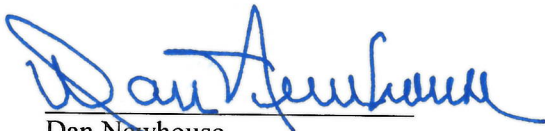
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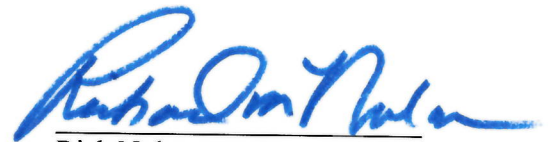
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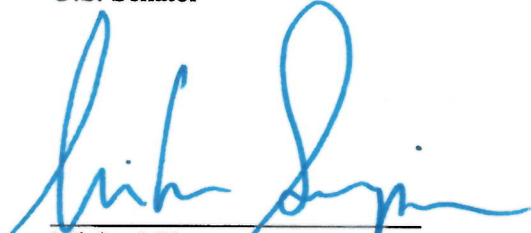
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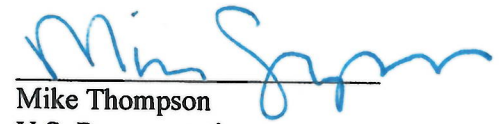

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