



March 6, 2018

The Honorable Mike Simpson
The Honorable Kurt Schrader
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressmen:

Thank you for your leadership in developing the **National Park Restoration Act**, an important effort to overcome the more than \$11 billion backlog in maintenance in our national parks. Roads, buildings, trails, campgrounds, water systems and more suffer from this accumulated problem – and visitor safety and enjoyment of our parks natural and historic resources are very real concerns.

Without a new and extraordinary effort, the backlog cannot be eliminated. The backlog is nearly four times the annual appropriations of the National Park Service. While we do believe that steps can and should be taken to avoid further growth in this backlog, the national parks cannot return to sound condition without efforts like you are proposing.

The nation's outdoor recreation industry contributes more than 2% of the nation's GDP and totals some \$673 billion annually in Gross Output. Consumers spend \$887 billion on outdoor recreation every year. Our industry depends on sustainable infrastructure in national parks and other public lands and waters for our continuation and growth.

We express support for your legislation and the creation of the National Park Restoration Fund. Federal receipts associated with the sale of publicly-owned energy resources which exceed current scoring create an opportunity to make a strategic contribution to our national parks early in the second century of the National Park Service. We applaud your goal of not adversely impacting the Land and Water Conservation Fund, payments to states associated with onshore and offshore oil and gas revenues and the Reclamation Fund.

We look forward to working with you to perfect your proposal and to achieving a historic and important step forward for places all Americans cherish.

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Archery Trade Association
Association of Marina Industries
American Sportfishing Association
Boat Owners Association of The United States
International Snowmobile Manufacturers
Association
Marine Retailers Association of the Americas
Motorcycle Industry Council
National Association of RV Parks & Campgrounds

National Marine Manufacturers Association
National Park Hospitality Association
Outdoor Industry Association
Recreational Off-Highway Vehicle Association
Recreational Vehicle Industry Association
Recreational Vehicle Dealers Association
Specialty Equipment Manufacturers Association
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