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Lyle Laverty Confirmation

Washington, D.C. (October 29, 2007) – The United States Senate has confirmed Presidential nominee Lyle Laverty to serve as Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife and Parks. After hearings before two different Senate committees with near-unanimous votes for approval, the nomination remained in limbo for several months. Mr. Laverty's appointment has been highly praised by the recreation community because of his outstanding qualifications. He spent 35 years with the USDA Forest Service and most recently served as Director of Colorado State Parks. Derrick Crandall, President of the American Recreation Coalition, stated, "Lyle Laverty's distinguished career reflects a true dedication to and passion for recreation policy matters; for this reason we submitted testimony supporting his appointment." Mr. Laverty is an original champion of the annual Partners Outdoors meeting and the WOW - Wonderful Outdoor World program. During his time with Colorado State Parks, Colorado increased park visitation, opened new state parks and improved overall park conditions. "The Department of the Interior will benefit from his executive leadership in a position that has been vacant for more than 18 months," said Mr. Crandall.

As Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Mr. Laverty will be responsible for overseeing policy for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Park Service. Mr. Laverty's expertise will aid the efforts for the National Park Centennial Initiative as new legislation for a Centennial Challenge Fund moves forward.

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