

January 15, 2017

The Honorable Lisa Murkowski
Chairwoman
Energy & Natural Resources Committee
304 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Maria Cantwell
Ranking Member
Energy & Natural Resources Committee
304 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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Dear Chairwoman Murkowski and Ranking Member Cantwell:

On behalf of the retired Federal employees of the Bureau of Land Management and other members across the nation that the Public Lands Foundation represents, we write today to express our support for Senate confirmation of Congressman Ryan Zinke's appointment to serve as the 52nd Secretary of the Interior.

As a westerner, native of Montana, member of the U. S. House of Representatives and member of the House Committee on Natural Resources, Congressman Zinke understands the critical role of National Public Lands in his home state and throughout the West. He has demonstrated a strong commitment to working with a diverse audience of businesses, conservationists, sportsmen and communities in pursuit of policies that seek a balanced and thoughtful approach to economic development and natural resource and public land management. He also has stated a commitment to maintaining public lands for the benefit of all Americans, consistent with the mandate and procedures in the Federal Land Policy and Management Act.

Given these shared priorities of balanced multiple uses and sustained yield on our National Public Lands for future generations we respectfully request that members of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources report his nomination to the Senate with a favorable recommendation.

Sincerely,

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Cc: The Honorable Rob Bishop
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