

## United States Senate

November 4, 2019

President Donald J. Trump  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Trump:

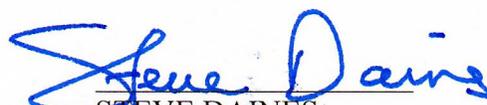
I first want to thank you for nominating many qualified individuals for key roles in your Administration who have been strong supporters of western values and ideals. Under the leadership of Secretary of the Interior David Bernhardt, your Administration has made great progress to increase public access of public lands, conserve and protect species and responsibly develop our natural resources. However, there are several leadership positions that are also key to day-to-day operations in our western and rural states, many integral to facilitating your policies. Particularly, we urge you to formally nominate the following leadership positions within the Department of the Interior as soon as possible:

- Director, Bureau of Land Management
- Director, National Park Service
- Special Trustee for American Indians

The Department of the Interior has broad responsibilities and manages approximately 75% of our federal public lands. Nominating individuals with a track record of not only responsibly utilizing our public assets on these lands, but also working to protect and enhance the vast potential these lands bring to the American people is critically important. The Department's work covering conventional and renewable energy, recreation, minerals and conservation resulted in \$315 billion in economic output and supported 1.8 million jobs during 2018. These leadership positions manage and regulate the resources critical to contributing to our nation's economy, such as recreation and conservation, energy and mineral development, as well as our fiduciary trust responsibilities to American Indians and tribes. All of which are critical to our western states local economies and communities. Further, having strong leadership over our National Parks is critical where today, 419 national park units in the United States draw more than 318 million visitors a year to unique natural wonders, unforgettable terrains and valuable historic sites.

To ensure that the Department continues to protect and enhance public access to public lands, and support American jobs, I urge you to nominate qualified individuals who have strong western values to these key positions.

Sincerely,



STEVE DAINES  
United States Senator