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To: The Honorable Senator Steve Daines
From: Mineral County Montana Board of County Commissioners
Date: February 12, 2021
Subject: Appointment for Secretary of the Interior

Senator Daines,

It has come to our attention that President Biden is nominating Deb Haaland from New Mexico to be the next Secretary of the Interior. Given her record on environmental issues and strong regulation on public lands, as well as supporting the Green New Deal; we feel she should NOT be confirmed.

Mineral County has 82 percent National Forest land that really needs proper management and care. Ms. Haaland has limited knowledge of managing vast resources for the overall benefit to all citizens and especially of our residents here that depend on the land to provide for their families.

Mineral County needs someone with a balanced mindset that will listen to all forms of use on the Interior lands, not limited to hiking and looking at from a distance. But real multiple use options that can vary depending on the area and the terrain.

Please know that we would like Ms. Haaland to be denied confirmation, and prefer a different nominee be found to fill the position.

Thanks in advance - Mineral County Commissioners

Warm Regards,

Duane Simons, Mineral County Commissioner

Laurie Johnston, Mineral County Commissioner

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