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We, the undersigned action sports, ski, health, and outdoor companies, wish to express our enthusiasm for the Outdoor Retailer Show having moved to Colorado, and the warm welcome we have received. We greatly appreciate the efforts of the Colorado congressional delegation in bringing the show to Denver; the recent show was incredibly successful, and the level of enthusiasm for our industry gathering's new home was high.

One of the highlights of holding the show in Denver is knowing how Colorado residents treasure public lands recreation. According to the Outdoor Industry Association, nearly three out of four Coloradans participate in outdoor recreation each year, generating more than \$28 billion in consumer spending. Protected public lands are vital to this recreation economy.

After holding the Outdoor Retailer show in Salt Lake City for 20 years, the industry decided to move the show due to ongoing efforts by some of Utah's elected officials to undermine public land protections – the very places on which recreationists and the outdoor economy depend. The move to Denver made good sense – Colorado has a rich tradition of keeping its national parks, national monuments, and wilderness areas, and other public lands protected and accessible.

However, recent actions by Congress and the Trump Administration threaten to unravel the protections for public lands that Coloradans hold so dear. These actions include a series of votes taken by more than half of the Colorado congressional delegation on issues including expanding energy development on lands that deserve protection; undermining national monuments and the Antiquities Act; and opening the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil drilling. These actions are of serious concern to us as they run counter to the fundamental reason our industry moved our biggest trade show to Colorado. We want to be in a state that not only defends our core conservation laws, but that champions protection for our public lands.

Critical and imminent public lands threats we face include various legislative initiatives that would gut the Antiquities Act of 1906 by adding unnecessary hurdles to the designation of national monuments by presidential proclamation (undermining a law that's been used by nearly every president of both political parties since Teddy Roosevelt). We urge you in the strongest possible terms to oppose any efforts to rewrite or undermine this bedrock conservation law.

The outdoor industry moved its trade show to Colorado for a reason – the history of support for public lands protection from Colorado's congressional delegation and Coloradans. We sincerely hope that you will continue to work to protect America's irreplaceable public lands, and help to confirm that moving the Outdoor Retailer show to Colorado was the right decision.

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