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The Honorable John Thune
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker of the House
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Minority Leader
United States Senate
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The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Legislative Solution Needed to Address Use of the CRA for Rescinding Federal Land Use Plans

Dear Congressional Leaders:

On behalf of the undersigned recreation organizations, representing small businesses, outfitters and guides, ski area operators, event organizers, nonprofits, and recreation users who depend on consistent and predictable public-land management, we urge Congress to enact a legislative solution addressing the recent use of the Congressional Review Act (CRA) to rescind federal land-use plans.

The CRA was not designed to serve as a mechanism for overturning comprehensive land-use plans adopted under the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA) or the National Forest Management Act (NFMA). Recent efforts to apply the CRA to such plans create significant uncertainty for recreation permit-holders and public-land managers. If a land-use plan is invalidated under the CRA, it could immediately disrupt permitting authority, delay infrastructure projects, and destabilize recreation-based local economies.

Recreation permit-holders make long-term investments and business decisions based on the assumption that adopted land-use plans will remain in effect. Communities that rely on recreation revenue—trailhead towns, guide and outfitter hubs, event venues, and gateway economies—now face the prospect that federal permits may be suspended or modified if an underlying plan is rescinded. This uncertainty threatens jobs, community investments, the coordinated stewardship of public lands, and cuts directly against the intent of recent bipartisan efforts to improve permitting efficiency and predictability for recreation providers and other land users.

There are already well-established procedures for updating or amending land-use plans under FLPMA and NFMA. Agencies routinely use these tools to incorporate new science, address stakeholder input, and adapt to changing conditions through transparent public processes. Using the CRA to nullify entire plans bypasses these statutory frameworks and undermines the continuity that both public agencies and private operators need for effective management.

We respectfully ask Congress to clarify through legislation that land-use plans adopted under FLPMA, NFMA, or comparable statutes are not subject to wholesale rescission under the CRA.

Such clarification would protect existing permit-holders, maintain planning stability, and reaffirm Congress's intent that these plans be managed and updated through established administrative procedures.

We welcome the opportunity to work with your offices and relevant committees to develop bipartisan language that provides lasting certainty for the recreation community, land-management agencies, and the rural economies that depend on them. The outdoor recreation economy is a significant contributor to national employment, local investment, and conservation partnerships, and it functions best within a clear and predictable planning framework.

Thank you for your attention to this issue and for your continued leadership on behalf of America's public lands and the communities they support.

Sincerely,

Access Fund
American Mountain Guides Association
American Whitewater
America Outdoors
Colorado Mountain Club
Idaho Outfitters and Guides Association
International Mountain Bicycling Association
Outdoor Alliance
Public Land Solutions
Runners for Public Lands
The Conservation Alliance
The Mountaineers
Winter Wildlands Alliance