

OUTDOOR ALLIANCE

May 12, 2017

The Honorable Ryan Zinke
Secretary
U.S. Department of the Interior
1849 C Street NW,
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Secretary Zinke:

Outdoor Alliance is a coalition of seven member-based organizations representing the human powered outdoor recreation community. The coalition includes the Access Fund, American Canoe Association, American Whitewater, International Mountain Bicycling Association, Winter Wildlands Alliance, Mountaineers, Mazamas, and American Alpine Club and represents the interests of the millions of Americans who climb, paddle, mountain bike, and backcountry ski and snowshoe on our nation's public lands, waters, and snowscapes.

President Trump recently issued three executive orders requiring that the Forest Service review its organization, policy, and regulations. The first, *Presidential Executive Order on a Comprehensive Plan for Reorganizing the Executive Branch* (March 13, 2017), directs agency heads to prepare a plan within 180 days to reorganize the agency to improve the efficiency, effectiveness, and accountability of that agency. The second, *Enforcing the Regulatory Reform Agenda* (February 24, 2017), directs agencies to create a Regulatory Reform Task Force to evaluate current regulations and make recommendations. And finally, the third, *Presidential Executive Order on Promoting Energy Independence and Economic Growth* (March 28, 2017), directs agencies to review all existing regulations, orders, guidance documents, policies, and any other similar agency actions (collectively, agency actions) that potentially burden the development or use of domestically produced energy resources. In response to this third Executive Order you issued two Secretarial Orders (SO Nos. 3348 and 3349) that are intended to implement the Executive Order and make many related provisions.

As you implement these orders we ask that you keep in mind the diverse stakeholders who have worked with the Department of Interior to develop and implement its many programs, policies, and initiatives for many years. We respectfully ask that you include these stakeholders, including Outdoor Alliance and our member organizations, in any process that you develop to address the President's orders. It is our hope that this will be a transparent and inclusive process that builds upon the strong relationships that the public and organizations such as ours have with the agencies within the Department of Interior.



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One way that our organizations would like to be involved in this process is by having the opportunity to participate in the DOI and BLM Regulatory Reform Task Force reviews. This review required by the second Executive Order requires the Regulatory Reform Task Force to seek input and assistance from entities significantly affected by federal regulations including non-governmental organizations and trade associations.

Transparency and public involvement are critical to public land management, and meeting these Executive Orders is no different. We respectfully ask that you ensure that any decisions made in response to these Executive Orders are transparent and done with full public involvement. Most importantly, any decisions regarding management of our public lands must be made with the responsibility of stewarding these resources at the forefront.

Best regards,



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