February 6, 2020

The Honorable Jon Tester
United States Senate
311 Hart Senator Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Steve Daines
United States Senate
320 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Greg Gianforte
United States House of Representatives
1222 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Senator Tester, Senator Daines and Congressman Gianforte:

We, the undersigned Montanans, urge you to publicly oppose William Perry Pendley’s extension as acting director of the Bureau of Land Management.

As the largest public land management agency, the BLM is one of the most important stewards of our shared outdoor heritage. A vast majority (98%) of Montanans identify outdoor recreation as an important part of our quality of life. Additionally, Montana’s outdoors draw over 12 million visitors to our state annually – which helps support our $7.1 billion outdoor industry.

Mr. Pendley is a direct threat to our outdoor way of life and to Montana’s economy. He has long supported selling off our public lands to the highest bidder. In 2016, Pendley told National Review that the “Founding Fathers intended all lands owned by the federal government to be sold.” Mr. Pendley also represented energy companies looking to drill the Badger-Two Medicine region, which is sacred to the Blackfeet Nation. And Mr. Pendley told a Montana radio show that he’s “committed to developing all the lands.”

It is clear from Mr. Pendley’s record that he is completely unfit to manage our public lands as acting director of the BLM. Please take swift and public action to remove him from his position as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

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