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The Honorable Joe Manchin
Chairman
Senate Committee on Energy &
Natural Resources
304 Dirksen Senate Office
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable John Barrasso
Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Energy &
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Dear Chairman Manchin and Ranking Member Barrasso:

On behalf of the undersigned organizations, which together represent millions of hunters and anglers all across the United States, we would like to express our support for the confirmation of Ms. Tracy Stone-Manning to serve as the next Director of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) at the U.S. Department of the Interior.

Ms. Stone-Manning is a Montanan, avid hunter, and outdoorswoman that has dedicated her career to public service, and collaborative conservation. Early in her career, she served as the Executive Director of the Clark's Fork Coalition where she worked with all levels of government, local communities, and conservation partners to advance one of the largest remediation projects in the country, which created thousands of jobs and revitalized an iconic river. She then joined the field staff of United States Senator Jon Tester before Montana Governor Steve Bullock appointed her to serve as Director of the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), and later as his Chief of Staff. As DEQ Director, she oversaw the state's water, air, mining, and remediation programs. As Chief of Staff, she oversaw the day-to-day operations of the Governor's cabinet and the state's 11,000 employees.

In 2017, Ms. Stone-Manning joined the National Wildlife Federation to lead its public lands program. In that role she led the Federation's efforts to support passage of the historic and bipartisan Great American Outdoors Act, the John D. Dingell Jr. Conservation, Management and Recreation Act, and the American Conservation Enhancement Act and she advocated for responsible multiple use management of the Bureau of Land Management's 245 million acres of public lands to ensure increased opportunities for hunting and fishing access and healthy fish and wildlife populations. She has established herself as a well-respected, collaborative, and knowledgeable leader throughout the conservation community.

Ms. Stone-Manning's extensive experiences working collaboratively with multiple stakeholders across the West, and her deep understanding of the myriad land management challenges before the agency, make her uniquely qualified to lead the BLM. Her leadership style ensures that all voices will be heard, as she carries out the BLM's multiple use mission. Under Ms. Stone-Manning's leadership we know that our land and natural resources will be managed responsibly and sustainably for the benefit of all users, and the fish and wildlife that inhabit them.

We urge your committee to act swiftly to confirm Tracy Stone-Manning as the next Director of the Bureau of Land Management.

Sincerely,

American Woodcock Society
Archery Trade Association
Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies
Bear Trust International
Boone and Crockett Club
Camp Fire Club of America
Catch-A-Dream Foundation
Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation
Conservation Force
Council to Advance Hunting and the Shooting Sports
Dallas Safari Club
Delta Waterfowl
Ducks Unlimited
Houston Safari Club
Izaak Walton League of America
Masters of Foxhounds Association
Mule Deer Foundation
National Bobwhite Conservation Initiative
National Deer Association
National Shooting Sports Foundation
National Wild Turkey Federation
National Wildlife Federation
North American Falconers Association
North American Grouse Partnership
Orion: The Hunter's Institute
Pheasants Forever
Pope & Young Club
Quail Forever
Ruffed Grouse Society
Texas Wildlife Association
The Conservation Fund
Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership
Wildlife Forever
Wildlife Management Institute
Wild Sheep Foundation