

Thank you for signing your organization onto the [community letter](#) to oppose William Perry Pendley's nomination to Director of the Bureau of Land Management. Please consider adding a statement from your organization below highlighting your opposition to Pendley and his racism, bigotry, and extreme anti-public lands positions and calling on the Senate to reject his nomination. These statements will be shared with press upon release of the letter.

Additional messaging resources on Pendley can be found [here](#).

Dan Hartinger, National Monuments Campaign Director at The Wilderness Society

“William Perry Pendley comes from the ideological fringes of society and is a racist with values that are deeply out of touch with the mainstream, including selling the very lands he’s charged with managing. He’s the worst possible person you could conjure to be a leading steward of our shared public lands, and his appointment betrays this administration’s approach to conservation. It denies science, attacks communities when they are hurting, and acts almost solely to benefit special interests. The Senate should send a clear message that it resoundingly rejects Pendley and the extremist views he espouses.”

Hilary Shelton, Senior VP for Policy and Advocacy and Director of the Washington Bureau, NAACP

“William Perry Pendley’s history of bigoted remarks targeting communities of color and opposition to initiatives to make our country’s institutions reflect the diversity of its people disqualify him from serving in a position of public trust. Our nation is in the midst of a movement demanding an end to systemic racism, and letting someone with Pendley’s divisive views manage a federal agency that should work for everyone is a step in the absolute wrong direction. The Senate faces a moral choice: confirm a bigoted and divisive extremist or stand in solidarity with the American people who want our government and our public lands accessible to all. We oppose Pendley’s nomination and call on our elected officials to reject him immediately.”

John Echohawk, Pawnee, Executive Director of the Native American Rights Fund

“We oppose the nomination of William Perry Pendley for Director of the Bureau of Land Management. Mr. Pendley’s long, racist, anti-science, and anti-conservation record speaks for itself and it is truly disqualifying. From mocking Native American religious beliefs and sacred sites to siding with anti-public land extremists and spreading racist tropes, his beliefs are deeply offensive. As tribes across the country continue to fight to maintain their land, natural resources, and sovereignty, this nomination is a slap across the face.”

Collin O’Mara, President and CEO of the National Wildlife Federation

“It’s utterly unconscionable that President Trump nominated William Perry Pendley—a person who has spent decades zealously promoting the sale of all public lands, espousing racist and homophobic views, and denigrating public servants—to oversee our nation’s largest land management agency, responsible for 247 million acres and 11,000 staff. Senators simply cannot call themselves conservation champions, if they support his confirmation.”

Blaine Miller-McFeeley, Senior Legislative Representative of Earthjustice

“We can’t afford a walking, talking conflict of interest with a history of incendiary, racist statements as the director of the Bureau of Land Management. From when he resigned from office in disgrace to his efforts to sell off our lands to the highest bidder, Pendley has a decades-long record of putting polluters’ profits over our wild lands. The Senate must reject his nomination.”

Ángel Peña, Executive Director of the Nuestra Tierra Conservation Project

“The nomination of William Perry Pendley to serve as Director of the Bureau of Land Management is an affront to Latinx communities across the country. No one who has advocated for the disposal of public lands, called immigration a ‘cancer,’ or opposed efforts to increase racial equity should be a public official -- yet Pendley has done all three. His long, well-known history of bigotry is disgusting and his anti-public lands positions would mean even fewer outdoor opportunities for Latinx families than the small number that currently exist. A vote in favor of Pendley’s nomination is an abdication of responsibility to our communities and is a clear approval of the Trump administration’s attacks on our public lands. The Senate must reject this nomination.”

Theresa Pierno, President and CEO for the National Parks Conservation Association

“The American people deserve a Bureau of Land Management administrator who can balance conservation with other uses on public lands. Mr. Pendley has done the opposite, prioritizing industry profits and pushing energy dominance over preservation, recreation and public health. He is actively working to strip away some of the most basic protections for our public lands, their clean air and water, and the integrity of the agency’s workforce. We cannot and will not support Mr. Pendley to lead the Bureau of Land Management, and neither should the Senate.”

Nada Culver, Vice President, Public Lands and Senior Policy Counsel for the National Audubon Society

“Audubon believes that experiencing the joys of birds and nature are for everyone, and William Perry Pendley’s policies and rhetoric in no way reflect our values. His actions in his current capacity demonstrate a clear hostility to the goals and mission of the agency he has been nominated to run. The Bureau of Land Management is supposed to act as the steward of our public lands, which includes conserving and protecting special places in a manner that honors our nation’s diversity and history and is not a directive to just exploit our nation’s natural resources. These are among the many concerns that the National Audubon Society and more than 20 of its affiliated offices and chapters joined this letter and why we must oppose his nomination.”

Laura Forero, Legislative Representative, League of Conservation Voters

“Pendley is completely unfit to serve in his current role as acting director of the Bureau of Land Management and yet, Trump has chosen to elevate his bigoted leadership by nominating him to be the director of the agency. The American public deserves to know whether our elected officials support an unqualified, pro-polluter, anti-public lands bigot to lead the Bureau of Land

Management and every U.S. Senator has an obligation to their constituents to publicly weigh in on William Perry Pendley's nomination"