

September 9th, 2020

Honorable David L. Bernhardt
Secretary
United States Department of the Interior
1849 C Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20240

Re: Remove William Perry Pendley from the Bureau of Land Management

Dear Secretary Bernhardt,

On behalf of the undersigned organizations and businesses and our millions of members and supporters nationwide, we write to ask that you immediately remove Mr. William Perry Pendley from his role leading the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

On August 3rd, over 300 organizations, Tribes and businesses wrote to the Senate opposing Mr. Pendley's nomination for Director of the BLM. Mr. Pendley remains completely unfit to lead the BLM in any capacity due to his decades-long record of inflammatory rhetoric and actions opposing virtually all issues of social justice and diversity, opposing Tribes' efforts to protect sacred sites and mocking indigenous religious beliefs, virtually unprecedented conflicts of interest and ethical issues, and embrace of radical anti-conservation positions including advocating for the sale of public lands. This previous letter documenting Mr. Pendley's lack of fitness for leading the BLM is enclosed for reference.

The withdrawal of Mr. Pendley's nomination for Director of the BLM is a clear admission that Mr. Pendley is fundamentally unfit for the job and incapable of receiving Senate confirmation. Leaving Mr. Pendley in charge of the Bureau of Land Management in his current capacity exercising the authority of the Director or in any other leadership role is unacceptable.

The American people deserve to have our public lands, including those administered by the Bureau of Land Management, managed in the public interest by a qualified leader who is fit to serve. Leaving Mr. Pendley in charge indefinitely while acknowledging his lack of fitness and inability to receive Senate confirmation is nothing more than an attempt to avoid accountability.

We urge you to remove Mr. Pendley from his position leading the Bureau of Land Management immediately.

Sincerely,

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350 Colorado
350 New Orleans

350 Triangle
350PDX
Alaska's Big Village Network

AlaskansTakeAStand
Amargosa Conservancy
American Horse Protection Society
American Wild Horse Campaign
Animal Wellness Action
Animal Wellness Foundation
Archaeology Southwest
Arizona Conservation Partners
Arizona Trail Association
Arizona Wildlife Federation
Arkansas Valley Audubon Society
Audubon New Mexico
Audubon Rockies
Bighorn Audubon Society
Bikepacking Roots
Bold Alliance
Brown Folks Fishing
Business for Montana's Outdoors
California Chaparral Institute
California League of Conservation Voters
California Native Plant Society
California Wilderness Coalition
Californians for Western Wilderness
Call to Action Colorado
Cascadia Wildlands
Catholic Network US
Center for a Humane Economy
Center for American Progress
Center for Biological Diversity
Center for Sustainable Economy
Chispa Arizona
Christian Council of Delmarva
Cienega Watershed Partnership
Clean Energy Now Texas
Clean Water Action
Climate Hawks Vote
Coalition to Protect America's National Parks
Conejos Clean Water
Conservation Colorado
Conservation Lands Foundation
Conservatives for Responsible Stewardship

Conserve Southwest Utah
Continental Divide Trail Coalition
Defenders of Wildlife
Denver Audubon
Dolores River Boating Advocates
Earth Action, Inc
Earthjustice
Earthworks
Eat for the Earth
Ecoflight
Endangered Species Coalition
Environmental Defense Fund
Environmental Protection Information Center
Evergreen Audubon
Faithful America
Food & Water Action
Forests Forever
Friends of Alaska National Wildlife Refuges
Friends of Big Morongo Canyon Preserve
Friends of Ironwood Forest
Friends of Nevada Wilderness
Friends of Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks
Friends of Sloan Canyon
Friends of the Agua Fria National Monument
Friends of the Earth
Friends of the Inyo
Friends of the Lost Coast
Friends of the Missouri Breaks Monument
Friends of the San Pedro River
Friends of Yaquina Lighthouses
Gila Resources Information Project
Golden Eagle Audubon Society
Grand Staircase Escalante Partners
Great Old Broads for Wilderness
GreenLatinos
Greenpeace US
HECHO (Hispanics Enjoying Camping, Hunting, and the Outdoors)

High Country Conservation Advocates
High Plains Architects
Horses For Life Foundation
Inclusion Outdoors
Information Network for Responsible Mining
Inland Ocean Coalition
Institute for a Progressive Nevada
Interfaith Power & Light
Kangombe Linda Foundation
Keep Sedona Beautiful
Yellowstone Safari Company
Klamath Forest Alliance
Klamath-Siskiyou Wildlands Center
La Parrilla
Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce
Latino Outdoors
LEAD Agency, Inc.
League of Conservation Voters
Los Padres ForestWatch
Lynn Canal Conservation
Malach Consulting
Oregon Natural Desert Association
Match On
Moms Clean Air Force
Montana Audubon
Montana Conservation Voters
Montana Wilderness Association
Montana Wildlife Federation
Morongo Basin Conservation Association
Mountain Mamas
NAACP
National Audubon Society
National Equality Action Team (NEAT)
National Parks Conservation Association
National Wildlife Federation
Native American Land Conservancy
Native American Rights Fund
Natural Resources Council of Maine
Natural Resources Defense Council
Nature for All
Nevada Outdoor Recreation Association

Nevada Wildlife Federation
New Energy Economy
New Mexico Wild
NM Dream Team
NM Environmental Law Center
Northeastern Minnesotans for Wilderness
Northern Plains Resource Council
Nuestra Tierra Conservation Project
Oil Change International
Okaloosa County Democratic Environmental Caucus of Florida
Oregon League of Conservation Voters
Oregon Wild
Outside Media Group
Policy Solutions Institute
Portneuf Valley Audubon Society
ProgressNow Colorado
Public Citizen
Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility
Quiet Use Coalition
Rachel Carson Council
Rapid Shift
Real Angels LLC
Resource Renewal Institute
RESTORE: The North Woods
Rio Grande Valley Broadband of the Great Old Broads for Wilderness
Rivers Without Borders
Rock Creek Alliance
Rocky Mountain Wild
Salt Palm Development
Save Our Cabinets
Sequoia ForestKeeper®
Shine- Beer Sanctuary
Sierra Club
Sierra Forest Legacy
Soda Mountain Wilderness Council
South Beach District 6 Democratic Club of San Francisco
Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance
SPIRET Foundation
Spirit of the Sun

Sustainable Energy & Economy Network
Texas Campaign for the Environment
TFMPL
The Climate Center
The Cloud Foundation, Inc.
The Lands Council
The Mountain Pact
The Wilderness Society
Transition Habitat Conservancy
Trap Free Montana
Trustees for Alaska
Tuleyome
Umpqua Watersheds
Unexpected Wildlife Refuge
Union of Concerned Scientists
Upper Gila Watershed Alliance
Urban Breakthroughs
Utah Native Plant Society
Utah Valley Earth Forum
Vermont Conservation Voters
Vet Voice Foundation
Wasatch Audubon Society
Washington Wild
Weber Sustainability Consulting
Western Colorado Alliance
Western Environmental Law Center
Western Organization of Resource
Councils
Western Values Project
Western Watersheds Project
Wild Connections
WildEarth Guardians
Wilderness Workshop
Wild Path Consulting
Wyoming Wilderness Association