

October, 2, 2017

The Honorable Tom McClintock  
2331 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa  
238 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman McClintock, Ranking Member Hanabusa and members of the Committee,

On behalf of the Outdoor Recreation Industry Roundtable (ORIR), we thank you for calling the October 3<sup>rd</sup> legislative hearing on H.R. 3400, Recreation Not Red-Tape (RNR) Act. The Outdoor Recreation Industry Roundtable is a coalition of America's leading outdoor recreation trade associations working to promote the policy and legislative reforms needed to grow the outdoor recreation economy. Roundtable members represent the thousands of U.S. businesses that produce vehicles, equipment, gear, apparel and services for the millions of Americans who enjoy our nation's parks, waterways, byways, trails and outdoor spaces. Combined, the various business sectors within the outdoor recreation industry generate \$887 billion-per-year in economic activity and provide an estimated 7.6 million direct jobs.

The outdoor industry, from the motorized, non-motorized, hunting, riding and angling communities, to businesses who represent manufacturers, distributors, outfitters and retailers, have all come together to support this bicameral, bipartisan and pragmatic outdoor recreation bill. We thank you for the conversation this weeks hearing will provide and we support the bill moving quickly through the committee.

RNR Act is a commonsense plan for improving and enhancing outdoor recreation on our public lands. The special use permitting process is outdated and antiquated for 21<sup>st</sup> century recreation users and the RNR Act takes an important first step in simplifying the process for the agencies, companies and organizations providing Americans and international tourists safe and enjoyable experiences on our public lands.

RNR Act also simplifies and streamlines access for all forms of recreation including, but not limited to, boating, hiking, RVing, camping, fishing, biking, hunting, paddling, snowmobiling, climbing, ATVing, skiing, and other motorized and non-motorized recreation use. RNR also fills a much-needed gap for managing public lands close to urban areas and population centers that could prioritize recreation for its health and economic benefits. Identifying, protecting, and appropriately managing key places for outdoor recreation improves access, the quality of the experience for the recreationist and grows the outdoor recreation economy. The organic act for National Recreation Areas provides another tool in the land management toolbox that is flexible but focused on recreation since not all places or recreation activities fit into the designated tools we have now (monuments, wilderness or wild and scenic rivers).

We hope the subcommittee will support this bill moving forward and we appreciate the work of Chairman Bishop and the committee staff on this bill that improves how our shared public lands and waters are managed to ensure the greatest recreation, health, and economic benefits for local communities and local economies.

Please see the list below for supporting organizations.

Sincerely,

American Horse Council  
American Sportfishing Association  
Archery Trade Association  
Boat U.S.  
International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association  
Marine Retailers Association of the Americas  
National Marine Manufacturers Association  
National Association of RV Parks and Campgrounds  
Outdoor Industry Association  
PeopleForBikes  
Recreation Vehicle Dealers Association  
Recreation Vehicle Industry Association  
Specialty Equipment Market Association