



The Mountain Pact Deeply Dismayed at Secretary of Interior David Bernhardt's Confirmation

Durango, Colorado (April 11, 2019) –Statement from The Mountain Pact Executive Director, Anna Peterson:

“Western senators who claim to support our American public lands heritage cannot legitimately support David Bernhardt. He was instrumental in rolling back protections for greater sage-grouse; worked to push oil and gas development in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and on millions of acres of public lands across the west; has eased regulations on methane emissions for oil and gas companies; and played an important role in the reduction of Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante national monuments, undermining years of collaborative and protective efforts. We are deeply dismayed at the confirmation of David Bernhardt as Secretary of the Interior.”

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More about The Mountain Pact

[The Mountain Pact](#) is an organization that works with over fifty mountain communities in all eleven states across the American West to empower them to build resilience in the face of economic and environmental stresses through a shared voice on federal policy related to climate, public lands, and outdoor recreation.