



CREATING GOOD JOBS, A CLEAN ENVIRONMENT, AND A FAIR AND THRIVING ECONOMY

July 19, 2021

The Honorable Charles E. Schumer  
Majority Leader  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Minority Leader  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Joe Manchin  
Chairman, Senate Committee on  
Energy and Natural Resources  
410 Dirksen SOB  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable John Barrasso  
Ranking Member, Senate Committee on  
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Dear Majority Leader Schumer, Minority Leader McConnell, Chairman Manchin, and Ranking Member Barrasso:

As a coalition of the nation's largest labor unions and environmental groups, collectively representing millions of members and supporters, the BlueGreen Alliance writes in full support of the nomination of Tracy Stone-Manning as Director of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). The BlueGreen Alliance unites America's largest and most influential labor unions and environmental organizations to solve today's environmental and public lands challenges in ways that create and maintain quality jobs and build a stronger, fairer economy.

Our nation's public lands are facing unprecedented threats from climate change, megafires, invasive species, drought, a wildlife crisis, and thousands of orphaned oil and gas wells in need of reclamation. The problems are compounded by the fact that this important agency has been without a Senate-confirmed director for four and a half years.

Tracy Stone-Manning is uniquely qualified to provide the leadership the agency desperately needs and the stewardship that our public lands require. For more than 25 years, Tracy has worked in both the public and private sector, working to bring coalitions together to successfully steward public lands and waters. Two decades ago, she led the Clark Fork Coalition in Montana, which advocated for Superfund cleanups and a dam removal that created thousands of jobs and revitalized the local economy. During her work with U.S. Senator Jon Tester, she brought together ranchers, timber interests, outdoor recreationists and local community members to develop a plan to protect wilderness. These groups didn't agree on everything, but Stone-Manning was instrumental in helping them find common ground where they did agree—including on opening up new areas for snowmobiling and mountain biking while also safeguarding local timber and recreation jobs.

She has continued her bipartisan coalition-building work at the National Wildlife Federation, where she has successfully fought for programs and funding that would create good-paying jobs on our nation's

grasslands, forests, wetlands, and coastal areas.

Stone-Manning is a Westerner and avid outdoorswoman who clearly understands the challenges facing our lands, workers, and rural communities—and the need to honor the mission of the Bureau of Land Management that our lands must be managed for the benefit of all Americans. Stone-Manning’s decades of experience, her visionary leadership, and her collaborative nature will ensure that our public lands will thrive for all stakeholders for generations to come.

We urge you to swiftly confirm Tracy Stone-Manning.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jason Walsh', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jason Walsh  
Executive Director  
BlueGreen Alliance