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Join the Senate Outdoor Recreation Caucus

Dear Colleague:

As co-chairs of the newly formed Senate Outdoor Recreation Caucus, we invite you to join us in support of hikers and bikers, hunters and anglers, and outdoor enthusiasts of all stripes in your state. These activities contribute significantly to local economies throughout the country and the physical and mental health of your constituents.

The goal of the Senate Outdoor Recreation Caucus is to encourage healthy, active lifestyles that foster an appreciation of America's lands and waters through participation in outdoor activities such as camping, climbing, hiking, fishing, rafting, skiing, hunting and many others. This informal, bipartisan caucus will highlight practices and policies that connect Americans with outdoor activities with a special focus on participation by families and encouraging youth recruitment and retention. The Caucus will also educate Senate members and staff about issues such as federal support for outdoor activities and education, recreation access and use on public and private resources, and construction and maintenance of our public outdoor recreation infrastructure. The American legacy is interwoven with strong ties to the land and water, and this caucus will honor and help preserve that legacy.

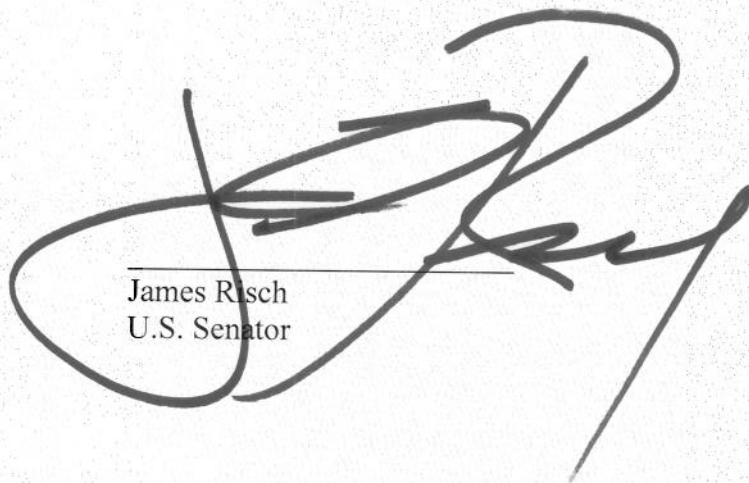
As we hear more about Americans who are not engaging in healthy lifestyles, engaging in outdoor recreation offers one promising solution to this health crisis while at the same time reinforcing America's legacy of use and enjoyment of its land and water. Whether by foot, bike, horse or Jeep, America offers a wide variety of outdoor pursuits for all tastes in all seasons. From city parks to vast stretches of wilderness, Americans have an almost limitless ability to connect with the natural world. In that spirit, the Senate Outdoor Recreation Caucus will encourage Americans to engage in and understand the benefits of outdoor recreation. Please join us in promoting outdoor recreation in the Senate, in your state and among your constituents.

For more information or to join the Senate Outdoor Recreation Caucus, contact Jimmy Hague with Senator Mark Udall at james_hague@markudall.senate.gov (4-4541) or Darren Parker with Senator Risch at darren_parker@risch.senate.gov (4-7303).

Sincerely,



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