

# THE OUTDOOR REPORT | April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026

## President Sends Proposed Budget to Congress

President Trump sent his proposed budget to Congress, highlighting a large increase in defense spending and a 10% cut to non-defense spending. The Department of the Interior has a proposed funding level of \$15.9 billion (12.9 % reduction), USDA proposed funding level is \$20.8 billion (19% decrease), and the Department of Transportation’s proposed funding level is \$26.6 (6.2% increase). Committees will begin oversight hearings on the budget next week. Ultimately, Congress will develop FY 2027 spending levels, which often differ from the President's proposed budget.

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## USDA Announces USFS Reorganization

USDA announced it will move the U.S. Forest Service headquarters to Salt Lake City and reorganize leadership to move USFS staff closer to national forests, mostly in the West. The restructuring also includes replacing regional offices with state-based offices and closing some research stations to unify the work into one research organization in Fort Collins, CO.

## Outdoor Recreation Policy Has Lots on the Agenda

When policymakers return to DC next week, the outdoor recreation community will be focused on a number of prioritized issues that may emerge before the election, including the Farm Bill, reauthorization of the Surface Transportation Bill, FY 2027 funding for public lands agencies, and movement of the America the Beautiful Act (reauthorization of the Legacy Restoration Fund). These major initiatives are part of an already crowded agenda that faces some hurdles given the election. That said, policymakers are looking for wins, and the outdoor recreation policy space remains very bipartisan.

## Outdoor Community Updates



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