

THE OUTDOOR REPORT | June 11th, 2026

House Introduces the Great American Outdoors Act 250

House Natural Resources Chairman Bruce Westerman (R-AR) and Ranking Member Jared Huffman (D-CA) introduced bipartisan legislation to invest \$1.9 billion over the next five years in infrastructure investments and maintenance. The legislation leverages new foreign visitor fees and private donations as funding sources, in addition to energy revenues. The legislation also makes several reforms, including adjustments to the project selection process, increased transparency, and new programs, such as a pilot program to expand outdoor recreation opportunities. The House Committee on Natural Resources will hold a field hearing on the new legislation tomorrow in Arkansas. The Senate has its own legislation, the America the Beautiful Act (S.1547), which currently has 64 cosponsors.

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Senate Funding Bills Stalled

Key funding bills for public land management agencies (and other agencies) have yet to be considered in the Senate, as Republicans and Democrats have a difficult time aligning around top-line funding numbers. The House has already passed the Agriculture funding bill on the House floor, and the Interior funding bill has moved through committee. The House and Senate will need to pass a continuing resolution by the end of September to avoid a government shutdown.

Secretaries Burgum and Kennedy Host Roundtable

Interior Secretary Burgum and HHS Secretary Kennedy hosted a roundtable discussion with leaders from the outdoor recreation industry to discuss the nexus of health and the outdoors. This came soon after the Outdoor Recreation Roundtable held a summit on health and the outdoors, which featured a broad array of health practitioners and government officials.

Outdoor Community Updates



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