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Shutdown RIFs Skip Key Outdoor Recreation Agencies

Despite thousands of layoffs across a range of federal agencies during the ongoing shutdown, the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture have not been on lists summarizing reductions in force (RIFs) since the shutdown began. A federal judge stalled this round of layoffs, citing process issues related to requirements in moving forward with agency RIFs. It is unclear what steps the Administration will take as the shutdown continues (now on its 16th day).

Social Media Spotlight

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Comment Period Open for Section 232 Inclusion Requests

The Department of Commerce's Bureau of Industry has a comment period open for Section 232 Tariffs on Steel and Aluminum, specifically around requests for additional inclusions (and comments in response to those requests). The comment period closes on October 21st. A broad array of outdoor recreation products would be subject to 232 tariffs, including some new products requested in this comment period. The steel and aluminum tariff on a product, if included, would be 50% on the steel or aluminum content.

EPA Partnership Announces New Partner of Recreation Program

The Powell Economic Partnership has been selected by the EPA and federal partners for the [Recreation Economy for Rural Communities](#) program, which helps rural communities use outdoor recreation to drive economic growth and community revitalization. Through this partnership, Powell will develop a strategy to connect trail systems, strengthen outdoor recreation businesses, and protect local natural resources. Powell joins 25 communities nationwide that fall under EPA's Powering the Great American Comeback initiative to build recreation-based economies.

Outdoor Community Updates



JOB OPPORTUNITY

The National Wildlife Federation is hiring a Senior Manager of Clean Energy Policy. [Read about the position and apply here.](#)



ANNOUNCEMENT

Brumidi Group Managing Partner Charles Cooper has been selected to sit on the Board of Outdoor Alliance. [Read more about the announcement here.](#)



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The National Wildlife Federation is hiring a Program Operations Coordinator. [Read about the position and apply here.](#)