

# THE EXPLORE ACT

## H.R. 6492, The Expanding Public Lands Outdoor Recreation Experiences (EXPLORE) Act

*Comprehensive, bipartisan, and bicameral legislation championed by Natural Resources Committee Chairman Westerman and Ranking Member Grijalva improves access and transforms outdoor recreation opportunities on our public lands and waters.*



PROMOTES RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR ACTIVE SERVICE MEMBERS AND VETERANS



CREATES NEW LONG DISTANCE BIKE TRAILS



IMPROVES ACCESS FOR SPORTSMEN AND WOMEN



STREAMLINES PERMITTING FOR OUTFITTERS AND GUIDES



PROTECTS ROCK CLIMBING IN ICONIC PLACES



MODERNIZES AND RESTORES CAMPGROUNDS

- Modernizes technology to improve visitor experiences, such as increasing broadband connectivity at recreation sites, creating digital recreation passes, and creating new pilot programs to monitor visitation.
- Streamlines the permitting process and reduces burdensome fees for small businesses that depend on reliable access to public lands.
- Reduces park overcrowding by creating new and innovative models to encourage public recreation in less-traveled areas.
- Supports gateway communities by addressing housing shortages, parking and infrastructure issues, and challenges due to overcrowding.
- Transforms accessibility for individuals with disabilities by creating new accessible trails and recreation opportunities across our public lands.
- Supported by more than 40 organizations representing the outdoor recreation industry.

## STRENGTHENS THE OUTDOOR RECREATION ECONOMY



**\$1.1 TRILLION**  
annual gross economic output



**5 MILLION**  
jobs supported annually



**2.2 PERCENT**  
percentage of overall GDP

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