



THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR
WASHINGTON

ORDER NO. 3383

Subject: Great American Outdoors Act Coordination and Implementation Task Force

Sec. 1 Purpose. This Order establishes a Department of the Interior (Department) Task Force to lead and coordinate implementation of the Department's portion of the Great American Outdoors Act (Public Law 116-152). This order also amends and clarifies the Department's roles and responsibilities to effectively implement the Great American Outdoors Act.

Sec. 2 Background. The Department oversees approximately 20 percent of the land in the United States, which serves nearly 500 million visitors per year, through the work and dedication of nearly 70,000 employees and 280,000 volunteers. Visitation and recreation at our national parks and other Federal lands makes significant contributions to our Nation's economy, creates jobs, and provides much-needed revenue to local communities, many of which are in rural and remote locations. Maintaining roads, bridges, visitor centers, campgrounds, trails, and historic structures that the Department manages is crucial to ensuring the preservation of our national natural and historic treasures, and providing for visitor access and enjoyment of these special places now and for future generations. On March 3, 2020, President Donald J. Trump boldly called on Congress to enact legislation that would make a once-in-a-generation investment in the public facilities and infrastructure at our national parks and other Federal lands, as well as Bureau of Indian Education schools, and, at the same time, permanently dedicate, without further appropriation, energy development revenues to the Land and Water Conservation Fund. Congress responded to that call by passing the Great American Outdoors Act, which President Trump signed into law on August 4, 2020. The Great American Outdoors Act is a historic law that combines a financial commitment to conservation and recreation in perpetuity for future generations with a significant investment in the facilities Americans depend upon to enjoy their national treasures. The Department is responsible for implementing this historic legislation so that its extraordinary potential to benefit the American people is fully realized.

Sec. 3 Authority. This Order is issued under the authority of Section 2 of Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1950 (64 Stat. 1262), as amended, and the Great American Outdoors Act (Public Law 116-152).

Sec. 4 Policy. Effectively, expeditiously, and successfully implementing the Great American Outdoors Act is one of the Department's highest priorities. The Department's Bureaus/Offices will work collaboratively with each other; with other Federal Departments and Agencies; and, in the case of Bureau of Indian Education schools, with Tribes, to effectively and efficiently implement the most consequential conservation legislation that has been implemented in decades.

Sec. 5 Great American Outdoors Act Coordination and Implementation Task Force (Task Force). The Task Force is hereby established in the Department. The Counselor to the

Secretary, exercising the delegated authority of the Director, National Park Service, shall serve as the Task Force, Chair. The Task Force members shall include the Deputy Secretary; Assistant Secretary – Policy, Management and Budget; Assistant Secretary – Land and Minerals Management; Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks; Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs; and the Solicitor. The Task Force shall:

(a) Develop a strategy to maximize the impact of the Great American Outdoors Act. The strategy shall ensure a timely project proposal and review process that minimizes delay and ensures decisive action; cuts across Bureaus; and includes establishment and utilization of a centralized project management office.

(b) Identify an initial list of priority deferred maintenance projects that are ready to be implemented in Fiscal Year 2021 and provide the list to the Secretary of the Interior within 50 days of the date of this Order.

(c) Evaluate staffing needs and direct relevant Bureaus/Offices to initiate necessary hiring and recruitment efforts.

(d) Identify additional policies and/or revisions to existing policies or practices that are needed to maximize successful implementation of the Great American Outdoors Act.

(e) Develop best management practices for deferred maintenance projects.

(f) Recommend such other actions as may be necessary to fulfill the goals of this Order.

Sec. 6 Responsibilities.

(a) Program Assistant Secretaries. Program Assistant Secretaries overseeing Bureaus that are responsible for or that provide assistance with implementation of the Great American Outdoors Act are responsible for:

(i) Establishing and participating in management structures and implementing best practices that facilitate cooperation, reporting, and accountability across Bureaus/Offices and with the Task Force.

(ii) Establishing joint project offices, each with a single point of contact, that consolidate expertise to ensure a coordinated, efficient, and expeditious implementation process while ensuring appropriate legal compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act, the National Historic Preservation Act, the Endangered Species Act, and all other applicable laws.

(iii) Working collaboratively with other Federal Departments and Agencies, Tribes, territories, States, and local authorities to coordinate and harmonize relevant non-Department processes.

(b) Bureau Heads. Each Bureau Head is responsible for designating a representative to serve as a liaison to the Task Force.

(c) Office of the Solicitor. Within 30 days of the date of this Secretary's Order, the Solicitor shall provide the Secretary a legal memorandum that addresses the full scope of the authority of the Secretary of the Interior under the Great American Outdoors Act (Public Law 116-152) and the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 (Public Law 88-578).

Sec. 7 Implementation. The Deputy Secretary is responsible for ensuring implementation of this Order. This responsibility may be delegated as appropriate.

Sec. 8 Expiration Date. This Order is effective immediately and will remain in effect until its provisions are converted to the Departmental Manual or until it is amended, superseded, or revoked, whichever comes first. The termination of this Order will not nullify implementation of the requirements and responsibilities effected herein.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "David D. Bonchuk". The signature is stylized with a large initial "D" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Secretary of the Interior

Date: AUG 11 2020