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Alaska Wilderness League applauds confirmation of Tommy Beaudreau to #2 at Interior

Washington — Alaska Wilderness League applauds the confirmation of Tommy Beaudreau to the position of Deputy Secretary of the Department of the Interior. With 225 million acres of federally managed public lands, Alaska is home to more public land than any other state in the U.S., including 16 national wildlife and eight iconic national parks.

Statement by Kristen Miller, Acting Executive Director, Alaska Wilderness League:

“Alaska Wilderness League applauds the confirmation of Tommy Beaudreau to serve as Deputy Secretary under Secretary Haaland. Dep. Secretary Beaudreau spent much of his early life in Alaska and is well acquainted with the issues on the ground. He was key to advancing important conservation gains for Alaska’s lands and waters during his years at Interior under President Obama, including action toward increasing protections for the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. We look forward to working with him and Secretary Deb Haaland to restore protections for the Arctic Refuge and to ensure the future well-being of all of Alaska’s public lands and waters.

“Alaska is experiencing disproportionate climate impacts with rising temperatures, eroding coastlines, disappearing sea ice, increases in wildfires, melting permafrost. These realities are reshaping wild Alaska and directly impacting wildlife and frontline communities, especially Indigenous communities. Tommy Beaudreau comes to Interior as someone who fully understands the climate and biodiversity challenges Alaska is facing and the kind of actions that need to be taken.”

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Alaska Wilderness League stands with, serves and supports the many people and organizations that believe in a sustainable future for Alaska. We honor and respect the cultures of Alaska Natives whose way of life remains deeply connected to the state’s land, waters and wildlife. We believe that Alaska’s long-term economic future and subsistence traditions are inexorably tied to the health and sound stewardship of its natural resources, which support hunting, fishing, tourism and unrivaled outdoor experiences that are central to Alaskans’ quality of life.



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