Great American Outdoors Act Becomes Law!

With great bipartisan support, this landmark act was passed by the U.S. Senate on June 17 and by the House on July 22. With co-sponsorship of the entire New Mexico congressional delegation, it will permanently fund the Land and Water Conservation Fund and go a long way in remediating the growing maintenance backlog in our parks, monuments, and other public lands. It was signed into law by the President on August 4, 2020.

Official Description: An Act to amend Title 54, United States Code, to establish, fund, and provide for the use of amounts in a National Parks and Public Land Legacy Restoration Fund to address the maintenance backlog of the National Park Service, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the Forest Service, and the Bureau of Indian Education, and to provide permanent, dedicated funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund, and for other purposes.

NPSNM members and District 1 Representative Deb Haaland in 2019 at Petroglyph National Monument where she publicly proclaimed her support of the Great American Outdoors Act.