



July 5, 2021

The Honorable Joe Manchin
Chairman,
Senate Committee on Energy &
Natural Resources
304 Dirksen Senate Office
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable John Barrasso
Ranking Member,
Senate Committee on Energy &
Natural Resources
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Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Manchin and Ranking Member Barrasso:

On behalf of Dallas Safari Club (DSC), which represent thousands of hunters across the United States, we write to you today to rescind DSC's support for President Biden's nominee, Ms. Tracy Stone-Manning, to serve as the next Director of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) at the U.S. Department of the Interior. DSC had signed a letter of support dated June 1st from members of American Wildlife Conservation Partners. Since that time, DSC has become aware of information that has made it impossible at this time to continue to back this nominee for the Director of the BLM.

Although Ms. Stone-Manning proports to be an avid hunter, and outdoorswoman, she was once associated with the extreme environmentalist group, Earth First, which has a history of sabotage, property destruction and creating dangerous work environments for loggers and sawmill operators. There is no doubt that this group performed violent acts, including 'tree-spiking,' as part of their platform for getting attention in America.

Tree-spiking, which is a federal crime, was a tactic Earth First used in the 1980s and 1990s. As you know, it involves embedding large metal spikes that damage or destroy chainsaws and mill saws upon contact, putting loggers and others in danger.

DSC believes that it is imperative that someone with such an important position over the Nation's public lands be trustworthy and honest beyond reproach. Although her involvement with Earth First was many years ago, participating in an organization that perpetuated violence against fellow Americans is simply unacceptable.

As such, DSC urges a full investigation into Ms. Tracy Stone-Manning's background before considering her for the next Director of the BLM.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Corey Mason', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Corey Mason
Executive Director
Dallas Safari Club