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U.S. Senator Joe Manchin, Chairman
U.S. Senator John Barrasso, Ranking Member
ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE OFFICE
304 Dirksen Senate Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Opposition to Confirmation of Tracy Stone-Manning for the Director of the Bureau of Land Management

Dear Chairman Manchin and Ranking Member Barrasso,

The Associated Logging Contractors of Idaho (ALC - Idaho) stands opposed to the appointment of Tracy Stone-Manning as Director of the Bureau of Land Management.

The ALC – Idaho is a non-profit trade association representing close to 500 logging and forest product & equipment trucking businesses and families plus an additional 100 businesses that are suppliers to our business sector. Established in 1966 the ALC – Idaho works to provide a unified voice for our members on issues that impact their ability to work either directly or indirectly.

Many of the ALC - Idaho's members are multi-generational family businesses and a good portion live near and work in the Clearwater National Forest. The memory of the eco-terrorist activities in the late 1980s and into the 1990s is embedded in the community. Tree spiking is a terrorist action that causes grave danger, including the loss of life, to loggers and to mill workers when a saw hits that metal. Tracy Stone-Manning was involved and has admitted to her part in these terrorist activities that placed lives at risk. Additionally, according to reports in the media, Ms. Stone-Manning did not share with your Committee that she was part of an investigation by law enforcement into these terrorist activities.

The ALC - Idaho believes that this history - past and recent - shows that Ms. Stone-Manning is not someone who should be at the helm of the Bureau of Land Management. Ms. Stone-Manning's actions then, and now, cast a long shadow on her judgement and ability to direct a land management agency. We ask that her nomination be denied.

Thank you for your time and for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Shawn Keough,

Executive Director

Associated Logging Contractors - Idaho

cc: U.S. Senator Jim Risch