

Federal Policy Update

Outdoor Recreation Learning Network

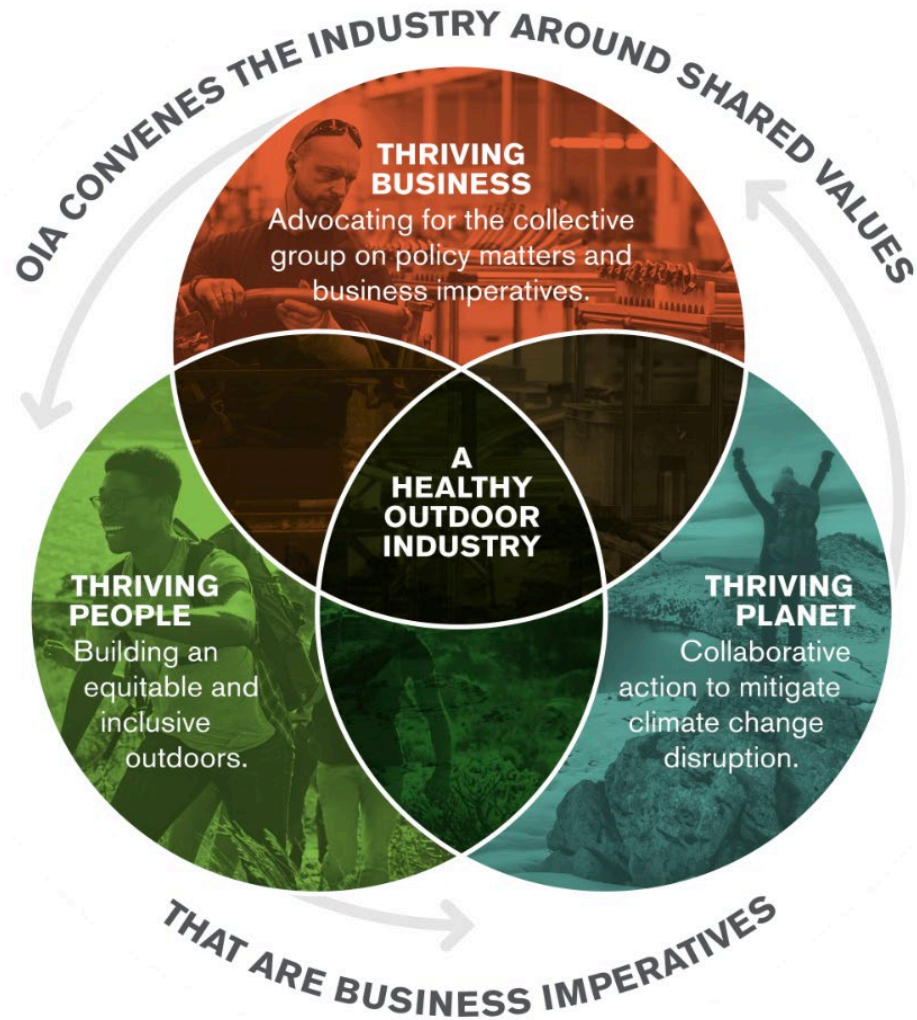
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"The mobility of a population which possesses one automobile for every three persons not only has encouraged spread of housing over land once open for recreation but also has greatly increased travel to designated recreation areas. In peak seasons, traffic jams block access roads to parks, and beaches are overcrowded. County authorities have been closing local beaches to non-residents, and farmers have barred passage across their lands to streams and ponds. Demand for overnight accommodations at public parks is far greater than the supply.

The demand is surging. ...Americans are seeking the outdoors as never before. And this is only a foretaste of what is to come. Not only will there be many more people; they will want to do more and they will have more money and time to do it with."

- Outdoor Recreation Resources Review Commission, 1962

Outdoor Recreation's Footprint at the Federal Level



Outdoor Recreation's Footprint at the Federal Level

Climate Change

**COVID Impacts /
Demand for
Recreation**

**Recreation
Infrastructure**

Equitable Access

Key Issues for the Outdoor Recreation Industry

Recreation Infrastructure



Great American Outdoors Act

- \$900M Mandatory Annual Authorization of Land and Water Conservation Fund
- Legacy Restoration Fund for Deferred Maintenance

Key Issues: Prioritization, Reporting, Reauthorization

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

- \$100M to Resilient Recreation Sites
- \$400M to Ecosystem Restoration
- Wide benefits for recreation communities

Key Issues: Coordination, Prioritization, Reporting





Rural Outdoor Investment Act (Senators Schumer, Bennet)

- \$30 million for public works through EDA
- \$5 million for planning grants through EDA
- \$2.5 million in university partnerships
- \$12.5 million for the Recreation Economy for Rural Communities

Key Issues: Messaging, Packaging

America's Outdoor Recreation Act of 2022

(Senators Manchin, Barrasso)

- Gateway Communities
- Improved Visitation Data
- FICOR

Key Issues: Moving in HNR





Tariffs

- Generalized System of Preferences (GSP)
- Miscellaneous tariff bills (MTBs)
- Section 301 Tariffs

Build Back Better (Reconciliation Package)

- Civilian Climate Corps
- Climate Resiliency
- Clean Energy

Climate Action Corps

- 100 Companies
- Climate Positivity by 2030

America The Beautiful





Outdoor Future Initiative (Senator Heinrich)

- National Outdoor Equity Fund

Parks, Jobs, and Equity Act (Rep. Barragan, Sen. Hickenlooper)

- Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program
- Currently included in Recreation Package

Questions?

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