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The Honorable Ryan Zinke  
Secretary  
Department of Interior  
1849 C Street, NW  
Washington, DC

Dear Secretary Zinke:

I am writing to strongly recommend Greg Sheehan for the position of Director of the Fish & Wildlife Service (FWS) within the Department of Interior.

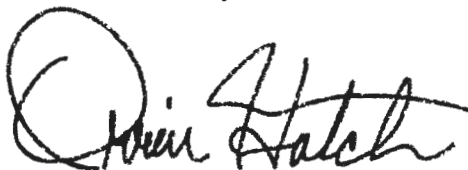
Greg has served as the Director of the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources since 2012. In this role, he has championed a proactive approach to growing and sustaining wildlife populations that has led to remarkable successes in population recovery. For example, working with regional and national peers, conservation organizations, and other stakeholders, he has overseen an increase in mule deer populations by more than 100,000 animals, which has bolstered opportunities for sportsmen in tandem with increasing opportunities for statewide conservation efforts.

For over 25 years in the wildlife and natural resources management sector, Greg has navigated the complex balance between protecting and preserving fish and wildlife populations with the interests of the sportsman community—which generate critical revenues for conservation. Like you, Greg knows that effective leadership means keeping hunters and anglers active, especially in those states in the West that rely on license revenues for funding. Greg understands that conservation and hunting and angling work best when they work together, and he has shown his commitment to this perspective by leading youth hunting and fishing days, annual pheasant releases, and other activities that meaningfully increase public awareness of and support for conservation.

Greg's track record of success in running a wildlife resources agency is needed at the FWS. For too long, the FWS has pursued an ideologically-driven agenda at the expense of responsible, impactful conservation measures. His breadth of experience and knowledge, paired with his depth of scientific understanding will make him an excellent choice to be director of the FWS.

I have had the opportunity to work with Greg during his time serving the State of Utah, and I cannot recommend him more highly.

Sincerely,



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