



Recreation's Economic Contributions (REC) Act (S. 2219/ H.R. 4665)

The REC Act ensures that the outdoor recreation economy, including outdoor industry jobs and our economic impact, are measured by the federal government and accounted for as part of the national Gross Domestic Product. This breakthrough legislation has now been introduced in both the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate and, if passed, may result in positive policy trends for outdoor businesses and enthusiasts. The REC Act legislation requires the U.S. Department of Commerce and the U.S. Department of Labor, in consultation with federal land management agencies, to provide economic metrics and other statistics on our industry's contributions to the U.S. economy.

Notes:

- Bipartisan and bicameral legislation introduced by Representatives Don Beyer (D, VA), Dave Reichert (R, WA), Peter Welch (D, VT) and Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R, WA) and Senators Jeanne Shaheen (D, NH) and Cory Gardner (R, CO).
- The legislation directs the Department of Commerce to work with the Department of Labor and the land and water management agencies to quantify the outdoor recreation economy.
- While OIA's economic report—which quantified our \$646 billion industry that employs 6.1 million Americans and contributes \$80 billion to local, state and federal tax revenue—will remain relevant, federal statistics in this area are important to providing annual, objective government data.
- This study will provide more information for policy makers to make more informed recreation policy and business decisions at the local, state and federal levels, and brings our industry one step closer to being recognized as a powerful contributor to the U.S. economy.
- This legislation is supported by dozens of organizations and businesses, including sportsmen, conservation and parks groups, the motorized community and recreation advocacy groups.



Supporting Organizations:

22 Designs	National Marine Manufacturers Association (NMMA)
Access Fund	National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA)
America Outdoors Association	National Park Hospitality Association (NPHA)
American Endurance Ride Conference (AERC)	National Parks Conservation Association (NPCA)
American Fly Fishing Trade Association (AFFTA)	National Wildlife Federation
American Hiking Society (AHS)	Nemo Equipment
American Recreation Coalition (ARC)	Nester Hosiery
American Sportfishing Association	New Normal Consulting, LLC
Angler's Covey	Northwest Motorcycle Association
Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies	Nuf Said Advertising
Back Country Horsemen of America (BCHA)	Osprey Packs
Backcountry Ski and Snowshoe Club	Outdoor Afro
Black Diamond	Outdoor Alliance (OA)
Burton	Outdoor Divas
CamelBak	Outdoor Research
Cascade Designs	Pacific Market International
Certified Guides Cooperative	Pack Rat Outdoor Center
Choose Outdoors	Peak Magazine
Confluence	PeopleForBikes
Conservation Legacy	Recreation Vehicle Industry Association
Eagle Creek	Redington
Fishpond	Recreational Equipment, Inc. (REI)
Grand Canyon River Outfitters Association	Recreation Northwest
Ibex outdoor Clothing	Recreation Vehicle Dealers Association
Idaho Outfitters & Guides Association	Rio
Marmot	Sage
Moab Adventure Center	Sanitas Sales Group
Motorcycle Industry Council	SmartWool
Mountain Tools	SnowSports Industries America
	Tahoe Mountain Sports
	The North Face
	Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership (TRCP)
	Vans
	Washington Off Highway Vehicle Alliance
	Watershed, LLC.
	Western River Expeditions
	Western Spirit Cycling
	Winter Wildlands Alliance
	Yakima