



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
- Access Fund
- America Outdoors Association
- American Endurance Ride Conference (AERC)
- American Fly Fishing Trade Association (AFFTA)
- American Hiking Society (AHS)
- American Recreation Coalition (ARC)
- American Sportfishing Association
- Angler's Covey
- Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies
- Back Country Horsemen of America (BCHA)
- Backcountry Ski and Snowshoe Club
- Black Diamond
- Burton
- CamelBak
- Cascade Designs
- Certified Guides Cooperative
- Choose Outdoors
- Confluence
- Conservation Legacy
- Eagle Creek
- Exxel Outdoors, LLC
- Exxel Outdoors Kids
- Fishpond
- Grand Canyon River Outfitters Association
- Ibex Outdoor Clothing
- Idaho Outfitters & Guides Association
- Insta-Bed
- Kelty
- Marmot
- Moab Adventure Center
- Motorcycle Industry Council
- Mountain Tools
- National Marine Manufacturers Association (NMMA)
- National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA)
- National Park Hospitality Association (NPHA)
- National Parks Conservation Association (NPCA)
- National Wildlife Federation
- Nemo Equipment
- Nester Hosiery
- New Normal Consulting, LLC
- Northwest Motorcycle Association
- Nuf Said Advertising
- Osprey Packs
- Outdoor Afro
- Outdoor Alliance (OA)
- Outdoor Divas
- Outdoor Research
- Pacific Market International
- Pack Rat Outdoor Center
- Peak Magazine
- PeopleForBikes
- Recreation Vehicle Industry Association
- Redington
- Recreational Equipment, Inc. (REI)
- Recreation Northwest
- Recreation Vehicle Dealers Association
- Rio
- Sage
- Sanitas Sales Group
- Sierra Designs
- Slumberjack
- SmartWool
- SnowSports Industries America
- Suisse Sport
- Tahoe Mountain Sports
- The North Face
- Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership (TRCP)
- Ultimate Direction
- Vans
- Washington Off Highway Vehicle Alliance
- Watershed, LLC.
- Wenzel
- Western River Expeditions
- Western Spirit Cycling
- Winter Wildlands Alliance
- X2O Sports
- Yakima