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Subject: Majority of Alaska Voters Disapprove of Installment of Pendley as Acting Director of Bureau of Land Management

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A new Public Policy Polling survey finds that a majority (60%) of Alaskans disapprove, including 47% who strongly disapprove, of William Perry Pendley being installed as the acting Director of the Bureau of Land Management. Just 30% approve of the installment.

A majority (51%) also think Senators should demand a confirmable public lands director be submitted as required by the U.S. Constitution. The Trump administration has failed to adhere to this requirement for the last 4 years, and 53% of Alaska voters say they would view Senator Lisa Murkowski less favorably if she were to remain silent about unconfirmed acting Directors like Pendley and fail to demand the administration adhere to the Constitution. Meanwhile, just 15% of voters say they would view her more favorably.

Other key findings in the survey include:

- 57% of Alaskans disapprove of Senator Murkowski's job performance; 49% of voters disapprove of Senator Murkowski's handling of America's public lands, wildlife, and environment, while just 34% approve.
- Voters are closely divided on their opinion of Trump (48-48).
- A plurality (48%) oppose, including 36% who strongly oppose, removing all Roadless Area protections in the Tongass National Forest to benefit logging interests. While 45% support it, just 26% strongly support it.

Public Policy Polling surveyed 909 Alaska voters from September 16-17, 2020. The margin of error is +/- 3.3%. 59% of interviews for the survey were conducted by telephone and 41% by text message.

