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**To: Interested Parties**

**Subject: Majority of Montana 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 (61%) of Montanans disapprove, including 51% who strongly disapprove, of William Perry Pendley being installed as the acting Director of the Bureau of Land Management. Just 26% approve of the installment.

A majority (55%) 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 37% of Montana voters say they would view Senator Steve Daines less favorably if he were to call constituents' concerns over unconfirmed acting directors like Pendley overblown and fail to demand the administration adhere to the Constitution. Meanwhile, just 19% of voters say they would view him more favorably.

Other key findings in the survey include:

- Voters are closely divided in opinion on Senator Steve Daines's handling of America's public lands, wildlife, and environment: 46% approve, and 43% disapprove. Overall, Montanans split on Senator Steve Daines's job performance (45/45) with 10% not sure.
- 42% of voters disapprove of Trump's management of America's public lands, wildlife, clean water, clean air, and environment, while 55% approve. This division is reflective of general approval in the state of Trump's job performance (52-46).

Public Policy Polling surveyed 573 Montana voters from September 16-17, 2020. The margin of error is +/- 4.1%. 50% of interviews for the survey were conducted by telephone and 50% by text message.

