

U.S. Senator Maria Cantwell

Senate Energy and Natural Resources Mark Up on Pending Legislation and Nominations

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Sen. Cantwell Remarks

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Sen. Cantwell: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'd like to thank you and Chairman Manchin for including four provisions in the outdoor recreation package from the Outdoors for All Act, my legislation with Senator Murkowski.

It tries to increase our information about outdoor recreation opportunities to make it easier and to try to get more young people, kids on the trails, to enjoy the beauty of the outdoors.

We know that the outdoor economy is a \$12 billion recreational opportunity. And in 2021 8.2 million visitors spent an estimated \$530 million visiting our national parks in the State of Washington, and it supports 114,000 jobs.

I also want to mention that one of the issues that we need to continue to work on - Tribes in my state have reached out with concerns about how increased recreation on public lands may impact tribal member access to treaty areas like fishing and wildlife associated with the habitat. So, I hope we can keep working on this.

But I am grateful for you and the chairman, including these important provisions to increase recreational opportunity in the United States of America.