

## **Stakeholder Support for Daines' Bill: Restore Our Parks Act**

**Department of the Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke:** *"Rebuilding National Parks infrastructure has been at the top of my priority list since before I was even sworn in to office. I'm happy to see the Restore our Parks Act pass with such strong bipartisan support. We have 417 national parks across the country, like Montana's Glacier National Park and Little Bighorn Battlefield. Unfortunately, we also have a \$12 billion backlog in maintenance needs spanning everything from roads and bridges to visitors' centers and restrooms. Thanks to Senator Daines, national parks are one step closer to getting the vital funding they need to rebuild the aging infrastructure."*

**Jeff Guengerich, Business Owner and President, Gardiner Chamber of Commerce:** *"The proposed 'Restore our Parks' act is long overdue to address the growing maintenance backlogs in our National Parks. The original entrance to the first National Park, Yellowstone, located in Gardiner, MT states: 'For the Benefit and Enjoyment of the People.' This act, strongly supported by Senator Daines, will significantly contribute to the long-term viability of that quote for all National Parks."*

**The Kalispell Chamber of Commerce:** *"The Kalispell Chamber of Commerce believes there is a reason that National Parks have been called America's best idea and supports the National Parks Restoration Act to help address the estimated \$11 billion National Park Service maintenance backlog for roads, buildings, campgrounds, trails, water systems and more. In Northwest Montana, Flathead Valley businesses rely on a fully-functioning Glacier National Park to accommodate the 3 million+ visitors that support our local economy. Investment in Park infrastructure will sustain our natural, cultural, and historic resources to create lasting economic vitality for communities like Kalispell and throughout the United States."*