

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

October 20, 2014

Jason King, Contracting Officer  
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Dear Mr. King,

We are writing to request an extension for public comments of 30 additional days to the two week comment period regarding the recently released draft Request for Participation (RFP) for "Recreation One Stop Support Services (R1S)" (Solicitation: AG3187S151000, Department of Agriculture, Forest Service), currently slated to close on October 22, 2014.

We have heard concerns from stakeholders that placing all the inventory and associated revenue in the hands of one contractor and one website with R1S will create a closed system and a monopoly that would have a negative impact on our parks and our public. These stakeholders support open data, preferring APIs, and modern web technologies for the infrastructure and talent necessary to transform R1S from a silo into a platform.

We urge you to extend the public comment period to allow more time for members of the Outdoor Industry Association and other members of the public to provide input as you consider a 21st century approach to conservation and outdoor recreation. We also hope you give serious consideration to their preference to using APIs in the contract that will guide how the people access their public lands for the next decade. Thank you for your prompt attention.

Sincerely,



JARED HUFFMAN  
Member of Congress



SUZAN KAY DELBENE  
Member of Congress



SAM FARR  
Member of Congress

cc: Tom Vilsack, Secretary, U.S. Department of Agriculture  
cc: Thomas L. Tidwell, Chief, U.S. Forest Service