



September 6, 2019

**The Honorable John Barrasso, MD**  
Chairman, Senate Environment & Public  
Works Committee  
410 Senate Dirksen Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

**The Honorable Thomas R. Carper**  
Ranking Member, Senate Environment  
& Public Works Committee  
410 Senate Dirksen Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Barrasso and Ranking Member Carper:

I am writing on behalf of the geothermal industry to express our support for the confirmation of Ms. Aurelia Skipwith to be the next Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The Geothermal Resources Council is a non-profit professional association for the geothermal industry and community in the United States and abroad. We were founded in 1972 and are headquartered in Davis, California. We have over 1,300 members from around the world and are working to advance our industry by supporting the development of geothermal energy resources through communication of robust research, knowledge and guidance.

Those members of the Geothermal Resources Council who have worked with Ms. Skipwith as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks believe her to be a dedicated, diligent, non-ideological and extremely talented public servant. We think her three university degrees in science and law will serve her well as she seeks to balance economic and environmental concerns to forge favorable wildlife conservation outcomes while enforcing the nation's wildlife laws. In short, we believe Ms. Skipwith would make an outstanding Director and we urge you to approve her confirmation.

Thank you for your consideration, and please feel free to contact me at [wpettitt@mygeoenergy.org](mailto:wpettitt@mygeoenergy.org) with any questions.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "W. Pettitt".

Will Pettitt, PhD  
GRC Executive Director