Key recreation community leaders serving as issue advocates will discuss legislative priorities and engage in strategic conversations with invited Congressional staffers from both parties with the goal of achieving successful legislative action on key recreation issues during the 114th Congress.

9:00 - 9:30 Opening Comments
Thom Dammrich, President, National Marine Manufacturers Association
Frank Hugelmeyer, President, Recreation Vehicle Industry Association

9:30 - 10:00 Strengthening the Nation’s Outdoor Recreation Programs
Moderator: Derrick Crandall, President, American Recreation Coalition
Key Issues: FLREA, LWCF, rec.gov
Recreation Advocates: Steve Werner, National Forest Recreation Association; Jessica Wahl, Outdoor Industry Association; Chris Maloof, ACTIVE Network

10:00 - 10:30 Seizing the Centennial Moment
Moderator: Thom Dammrich, President, National Marine Manufacturers Association
Key Issues: Centennial Challenge, concessions reform, deferred maintenance strategy, Every Kid in a Park, Find Your Park and more
Recreation Advocates: Emily Douce, National Parks Conservation Association; Dan Puskar, Association of Partners for Public Lands; Jason Rano, National Park Foundation; Derrick Crandall, National Park Hospitality Association

10:30 - 11:00 Building Volunteerism and Partnerships
Moderator: Frank Hugelmeyer, President, Recreation Vehicle Industry Association
Key Issues: 21st Century Conservation Service Corps, National Forest System Trails Stewardship Act, with focus on pilot programs and new ideas like HOPE crews
Recreation Advocates: Mary Ellen Sprenkel, The Corps Network; Destry Jarvis, Outdoor Recreation and Park Services; Ben Pendergrass, American Horse Council

11:00 - 11:15 Break

11:15 - 12:15 Finding the Way Forward
Key Congressional staffers members join recreation advocates in a strategic conversation focused on next steps for the recreation community.
Congressional Staff: Ryan Hambleton, House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform; Gary Schiff, Subcommittee on Federal Lands, House Committee on Natural Resources; Jimmy Ward, Office of The Honorable Cynthia Lummis
Moderators: Thom Dammrich, Frank Hugelmeyer, Derrick Crandall

12:30 - 1:30 Lunch: Policy-focused discussions and networking

1:30 - 2:00 Lessons Learned: Open Forum Discussion

2:00 - 3:30 Enhancing Key Recreation and Tourism Programs in the Surface Transportation Reauthorization Legislation
Key Issues: Recreational Trails Program, Federal Lands Highway Program, Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Act, scenic byways and public transportation access to public lands
Congressional Staff: Mae Stevens, Office of The Honorable Benjamin L. Cardin; Matt Bormet, Office of The Honorable Rick Larsen
Recreation Advocates: Marianne Fowler, Rails-to-Trails Conservancy; Michael Lewan, National Marine Manufacturers Association; Laura Loomis, National Parks Conservation Association

3:30 - 3:40 Closing Comments
Derrick Crandall, President, American Recreation Coalition

3:45 - 4:45 Roundtable with FICOR Working Group

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