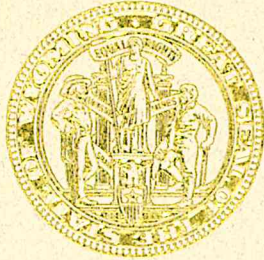


# Governor's Proclamation



**WHEREAS**, Great Outdoors Month celebrates open spaces, and Wyoming is a wonderful place to be outdoors. One way to enjoy the Wyoming outdoors is through the national, state and local parks system; and

**WHEREAS**, Wyoming offers a variety of ways to enjoy the outdoors including biking and hiking, paddling and swimming, fishing and hunting and more; and

**WHEREAS**, the economic impact of outdoor recreation is both large and growing nationally, exceeding \$650 billion in annual expenditures, and in Wyoming, estimated at \$5.4 billion and supporting some 64,000 jobs. 2016 was a record year for visitation at Wyoming's State Parks and Historic Sites with near record highs forecast for 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, Great Outdoors Month™ allows us to celebrate the partnership of federal, state and local agencies, the recreation and tourism industries and recreationists which makes outdoor recreation opportunities available, and adds new and needed features such as improved trails through the Recreational Trails Program and the Land and Water Conservation Fund; and

**WHEREAS**, "WY Outside," a coalition of public, private and nonprofit organizations, was established to encourage children and families to enjoy the outdoors throughout the year and has launched the WY Outside Challenge, a fun-filled, year-long event that encourages youth and families to explore the Wyoming outdoors; and

**WHEREAS**, the Wyoming Department of State Parks will hold its 9th annual "Summer Outdoor Slam" at Curt Gowdy State Park on June 3<sup>rd</sup> in honor of National Great Outdoors Day, offering a variety of recreational opportunities for children and families; and

**WHEREAS**, diverse Great Outdoors Month® events including National Trails Day®, National Get Outdoors Day, The Great Outdoors Month® National Day of Service, the Great American Campout®, the Summer Outdoor Slam and more encourage people to get out and enjoy all Wyoming has to offer.

**NOW THEREFORE, I, MATTHEW H. MEAD**, Governor of the State of Wyoming, do hereby proclaim June, 2017 as

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in Wyoming and urge all citizens and visitors from other states to explore and enjoy, protect and conserve Wyoming's Great Outdoors.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Executive Seal of the Governor of Wyoming to be affixed this 1 day of June, 2017.



A blue ink signature of Matthew H. Mead.

Matthew H. Mead  
Governor