

access to world class hunting and fishing experiences managed in close partnership with state agencies. In fact, of all forest visitors, 6% came for the primary purpose of fishing and 5% for hunting. There are 122 ski areas on national forests, many world-class, that provide more than half of the nation's 60 million skier days, \$3 billion in direct economic activity and tens of millions of dollars in fees to the U.S. Treasury. National forests are the base for over 7,000 outfitters and guides providing rafting, hunting, fishing and more, the small business engines for countless communities across the nation. Prior to her current role, Ms. Weldon served as Regional Forester for the agency's Northern Region, based in Missoula, Montana. She served from 2007 to 2009 as the agency's External Affairs Officer in the Office of the Chief, Washington, D.C., following seven years as Forest Supervisor at the Deschutes National Forest in Bend, Oregon. She began her career with the Youth Conservation Corps in Shenandoah National Park.

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Good Monday morning. IT'S A BIG WEEK! Absent congressional action, the government shuts down Friday night. Trump is making a big 100-day push.

TWO THINGS THAT BROKE OVERNIGHT -- AP at 3:46 a.m.: "KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) - Pentagon chief Jim Mattis in Afghanistan to assess war needs."

-- PENCE CUTTING TRIP SHORT: Vice President Mike Pence is cutting his trip short by one night, and is now returning to Washington on Tuesday. An aide "cited the amount of issues on deck in Washington this week -- between health care, the continuing resolution and tax reform" as the reason for Pence's early return, according to a pool report. Pence is in Hawaii right now as he makes his way back to D.C.