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V.P. pick Senator Kamala Harris strong on Arctic, Alaska protections

Washington — Alaska Wilderness League Action executive director Adam Kolton issued the following statement on the selection of Senator Kamala Harris (D-CA) as Democrat Joe Biden’s running mate:

“As a U.S. Senator, time and time again, Senator Harris has championed the cause of our nation’s wildest and most at-risk landscapes in Alaska. She has cosponsored bills to protect the Arctic Ocean and Arctic National Wildlife Refuge from drilling, as well as legislation codifying the federal Roadless Rule that would protect America’s largest national forest, the Tongass in Southeast Alaska. And as one of the lead sponsors of the Environmental Justice for All Act, Senator Harris has fought for the rights of minority and Indigenous communities on the front lines of climate change and suffering disproportionately the negative environmental impacts of air and water pollution.

“Senator Harris has never wavered in her defense of our public lands or in standing up for the people most at risk from increased air pollution and environmental degradation caused by fossil fuels. We are in a potentially transformational moment in time, one that requires bold action to protect our planet’s rapidly vanishing biodiversity, safeguard our climate and transition to cleaner, less polluting sources of energy, and we believe Senator Harris is ready to meet that challenge.”

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