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STATE OF MONTANA

Steve Bullock  
GOVERNOR



Mike Cooney  
LT. GOVERNOR

Jeff Mow  
Superintendent  
Glacier National Park  
PO Box 128  
West Glacier, MT 59936

March 24, 2020

Dear Superintendent Mow:

I'm writing to request the immediate, temporary closure of Glacier National Park.

While our public lands afford many Americans with an opportunity to embrace the health benefits connected to the outdoors during the unprecedented challenges from the COVID-19 pandemic, already early season visitation to Glacier National Park is promoting unnecessary travel that both undermines our efforts to reduce exposures and exacerbates risks for all Montanans. Visitors are not only concentrating in the Park but are also straining local grocery and other facilities at a time when local officials are attempting to curtail gatherings and meet the need for essential services.

Accordingly, I am requesting that you implement appropriate measures to dissuade visitation through temporary closures, outreach and communications efforts and other means.

Thank you for your support as we work together to respond to the challenges of this health crisis.

Sincerely,

A blue ink signature of Steve Bullock, written in a cursive style.

STEVE BULLOCK  
Governor

Cc: Senator Jon Tester  
Senator Steve Daines  
Representative Greg Gianforte