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The Gulf Energy Alliance Applauds Senate Confirmation of Rep. Ryan Zinke as Interior Secretary

--Pledges to Work Alongside Latest Confirmed Cabinet Member--

The following statement can be attributed to Matt McCarroll, CEO of Fieldwood Energy and a Founding Member of the Gulf Energy Alliance:

“The Gulf Energy Alliance applauds the Senate’s overwhelmingly bipartisan support of Rep. Ryan Zinke as Secretary of the Department of Interior. This agency has the opportunity to unleash unprecedented growth for the offshore industry in the Gulf of Mexico. We especially look forward to working with Secretary Zinke to address industry’s concerns with the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management’s recent Notice to Lessees (NTL) regarding financial assurance requirements. In order to deliver on our country’s energy promise, the Trump Administration must rollback this NTL and other legacy regulations that have unnecessarily inhibited the growth potential for this slice of the energy economy, which represents 17% of total U.S. crude oil production. Zinke had a fantastic record as an “all of the above” energy supporter in the U.S. House, and we could not be more pleased with his selection and the news of his confirmation. Above all, GEA and other industry participants in the GOM view his bipartisan support as a reflection of Americans’ appetite for energy security and energy independence, and a clear sign that the federal government has returned as a partner – and not an adversary – in the safe and responsible development of our nation’s offshore energy resources.”

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The Gulf Energy Alliance (GEA) is a coalition of leading independent producers and allied organizations dedicated to supporting policies and regulations that encourage investment, innovation, and job creation in the offshore energy industry in the Gulf of Mexico. Our mission is to inform and to educate top decision makers in business, government, and the public on the ever-changing innovations in offshore exploration that continue to transform our nation’s energy landscape and the broader U.S. economy, sparking investment and creating jobs in hundreds of local communities. We actively support policies and regulations that foster opportunities to further support the U.S. as an independent and responsible energy producer. We also are committed to work with stakeholders, regulators, and elected officials at all levels of government on ways to improve legacy and proposed regulations that threaten our nation’s energy momentum and ongoing opportunities in the Gulf of Mexico.