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RECOGNIZING SUNDANCE CONSULTING, INC.

Mr. RISCH. Madam President, Idaho is known for its rolling foothills, crystal clear rivers and streams, and of course some exquisite mountains. Idahoans embrace these treasures across our State and are committed to keeping these natural resources pristine for the next generation. This commitment to maintaining our public lands contributes to an abundance of innovation and creativity in the natural resources space in my home State. As chairman of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, it is my distinct pleasure to recognize Sundance Consulting, Inc., as the Small Business of the Month for May 2018. Sundance Consulting, Inc.'s work on important environmental and natural resource-related issues exemplifies Idaho's entrepreneurial spirit and stewardship of our environment.

After 19 years of working for the Native American Lands Environmental Mitigation Program as a consultant focused on addressing environmental problems related to previous Department of Defense activities, September Myres founded Sundance Consulting, Inc., in 2005. She founded Sundance with a vision to provide solutions to the environmental challenges faced by Native Americans and Native Alaskans alike. Raised on the Fort Hall Indian Reservation in Idaho, Ms. Myres has a keen understanding of the unique environmental issues that tribes face. With her background and experience in Tribal lands, Ms. Myres is uniquely positioned to implement innovative solutions to ongoing environmental problems in these communities. Among the solutions that September provides are general consulting services, environmental site assessments, site investigations, radioactive waste retrieval, process optimization, and soil and water sampling, all of which help clients understand the environment they are working in and ways to mitigate any potentially harmful activities.

Under Ms. Myres' exceptional leadership, Sundance Consulting has grown from a sole proprietorship to a firm of more than 50 employees. The company is headquartered in Pocatello, ID, with eight satellite offices across the Nation. From 2011 to 2016, Sundance increased their revenue by \$10 million and hired an additional 50 employees. The firm's continued growth has been a product of its growing client base. From its original focus on tribal clients to today's diverse portfolio of Federal, State, and commercial clients, Sundance prides itself on delivering quality advice

and planning services on-time and under budget, while protecting the environment. Over time, the company has expanded its offerings to include public outreach and liaison services that help to build consensus and increase public participation in the planning of client projects. Over its 13 years in business Sundance has earned a reputation of excellence in their field by bringing diverse organizations together to create environmental solutions.

In 2008, Sundance began utilizing the SBA 8(a) Business Development Program, a 9-year certification program that helps small, disadvantaged businesses compete for government contracts. The program provided Ms. Myres with the tools and knowledge required to grow her business. Sundance's success has allowed the company to give back to their local community in Idaho. Every year, the company provides school supplies and backpacks to children in need, through a charity drive in Chubbuck, ID. Additionally, Sundance provides scholarships to Native American students going in to the science, technology, engineering, or mathematics fields.

The company's high standards and good reputation have led to recognition from the environmental and small business communities. The Environmental Business Journal noted Sundance's incredible growth and economic success in environmental consulting. In 2016, the Journal awarded Sundance the 19th Annual Small Firms Award for Achievement. Due to her success as an entrepreneur and her commitment to environmental preservation, the Small Business Administration honored Ms. Myres as the 2018 Idaho Small Business Person of the Year during National Small Business Week for demonstrating growth, innovation, and perseverance in the face of adversity.

Innovation, growth, and commitment to quality are the hallmarks of Sundance Consulting's success. The company's continual commitment to helping communities exemplifies how small businesses are in a unique position to make a profit and make a difference. Sundance is a true inspiration to innovators and small businesses across the Nation for their incredible success. I would like to extend my sincerest congratulations to September Myres and all of the employees at Sundance Consulting, Inc., for being selected as the May 2018 Small Business of the Month. You make our great State of Idaho proud, and I look forward to watching your continued growth and success.