WORK THE OUTDOORS:

Connecting the Outdoor Recreation Economy to its Potential **GRANITE** OUTDOOR ALLANCE

June 8, 2021 Sector Partnerships Initiative // State Workforce Innovation Board





UNTAPPED MARKET: OUTDOORS

- The outdoors is booming!
- It is NH's heritage activity
- Typically viewed through tourism
- Outdoor assets are key economic strategy
- Sector partnership will boost productivity of NH outdoor industry

POWERFUL ECONOMIC ENGINE

- \$787.6 billion national economic impact
- 5.2 million jobs
- 2.1% of US GDP (Source: U.S. Dept. of Commerce, BEA)
- Larger than pharmaceuticals, auto, mining, agriculture and on par with broadcasting & telecommunications



NH Outdoor Economy

\$2.8B Spending | 37,051 Jobs | \$1.3B Wages | \$528M Tax Revenue | 3.2% of NH Economy





NH OUTDOOR INDUSTRY: OPPORTUNITY

- An unrecognized powerhouse
- Grounded in local communities
- Supporting small business renaissance
- Attracting talented employees
- Leveraging natural resources for economic growth



- NH's First Outdoor Recreation Trade Group
- Industry Partners: Business, Non-Profit, Land Trust, Education, Government (ORID+)
- Experienced Board & Staff
- Convener + Enthusiasm = Growth



Current Workforce Landscape

- Service-oriented
- Highly seasonal
- Low wages
- Largely tourism-dependent
- Lack of available skilled workers
- Disconnected from other Industries
- Untapped



Outdoor Recreation Workforce Initiative

- 1. Develop industry workforce skill sets
- 2. Entrepreneurial business programs
- 3. Collaborative industry platform
- 4. Infrastructure investment





Groundswell to Meet Demand

- Technical trades (i.e. bike & motorized mechanics, ski technicians)
- Trail construction & design
- Product development, design, supply chain (i.e. hard goods, textiles/industrial sewing)
- Guide/Instructor
- Outdoor Recreation Planner
- Environmental Engineer
- Fitness Instruction & Therapy





Outdoor Recreation Spans Industries Construction
Health Care
Hospitality
Manufacturing
Technology

SPINE NH SECTOR PARTNERSHIPS INITIATIVE

RI

Open For Business



www.graniteoutdoor.org tyler@graniteoutdoor.org