Dan Puskar has been the President and CEO of the Public Lands Alliance since June 2013. Puskar has had a lifelong love of the outdoors, especially where hiking is concerned. When he was about 15 years old, he climbed the Beehive Trail with his dad in Acadia National Park. This was the first time that he needed man-made handholds to summit anything. Puskar believes this was the moment he truly became hooked on hiking. Prior to his time at the Public Lands Alliance, Puskar worked at the National Park Foundation. At the Public Lands Alliance, he is working to advance their mission to connect, strengthen and represent the nonprofit partners of America’s public lands. Puskar graduated from Villanova University with his B.A. and his M.A. from the University of Michigan.