

Suggested Town Hall Talking Points

- **Thank you for past leadership!**

- *Thank you* for standing up for the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument and for supporting past Wilderness expansions.

- **Please stand up for our protected public lands!**

- Now more than ever we need you to stand up to special interests to ensure our wild places are adequately protected.
- Oregon has a reputation for being a “green” and progressive place, but compared to neighboring states we are way behind in protecting public land.
 - Only 4% of our state is protected as Wilderness, compared to:
 - 10% of Washington, 15% of California, and 9% of Idaho
- *Don't you think we need more Wilderness in our state?*

- **Please oppose any bill that weakens environmental laws**

- A few months ago, the House passed a radical bill called the “Resilient Federal Forests Act” (HR 2936), which would suspend many of America’s bedrock environmental laws and limit the voice of the public in management decisions.
- The bill prioritizes aggressive logging above all other uses of our public lands and creates massive logging loopholes to our most important environmental rules.
- The bill also repeals portions of the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument, and requires that these lands be managed for timber production.
- *What will you do to defeat this outrageous bill?*

- **Stand up for the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument**

- In the coming days, the Trump administration will release their official plan to eliminate parts of the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument in Southern Oregon, which will open up some of our state’s most vulnerable old-growth forests to aggressive logging.
- The president recently ordered the largest elimination of protected public land in our country’s history when he took action to rescind parts of the Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monuments.
- The Cascade-Siskiyou NM enjoys broad public support and was designated to protect unparalleled biodiversity.
- *What will you do to stand up to President Trump in this unparalleled attack on public lands?*

Town Halls - General Info

TOWN HALL FORMAT:

- Get there early to get a good seat, and if you want to ask a question/comment you will likely have to sign up for a raffle ticket when you arrive.
- There is no guarantee your number will get called, which is why it's important to make a statement in other ways: sign holding outside, talking to staffers afterwards, or holding your sign in the front row so the senator sees it the whole time.

TIPS FOR AN EFFECTIVE COMMENT:

- You don't have to be eloquent, but you should be ***concise and to the point***.
- ***Tie in personal connections*** you have to your issue (fav. camping area, water quality, recreation, wildlife, climate change threats to grandchildren, etc).
- Try to ***stay focused*** on topics that the senator can actually influence.
- ***Be redundant to the point of polite annoyance***. The more the senator hears about a specific issue, the more she/he will focus on it.
- ***Ask for their stance on an issue and what specifically they will do to address the problem***. If they deliberately dodge your question, don't be shy to follow up and tactfully demand a clearer response. Remember, they work for you and everyone else in the room!