Suggested Town Hall Talking Points

- **Thank you for past leadership!**
  - Thank you for standing up for the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument
  - Now more than ever we need you to stand up to special interests to ensure our wild places are adequately protected.

- **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?**

- **Public lands belong in public hands!**
  - Right now, there are numerous proposals to transfer or privatize our public lands, which would erode the public ownership of those lands.
  - Transferring land to the states is a slippery slope towards privatization, as can be seen with the example of the Elliott State Forest.
  - **What will you do to stop our National Forests, Parks, and Wildlife Refuges from being transferred or sold?**
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!