

# DEFEND THE CASCADE-SISKIYOU!

*The Oregon Monument is currently under attack on multiple fronts*



## 1. TRUMP'S IMPENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER

- In the coming days, President Trump will likely attempt to eliminate parts of the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument in Southern Oregon.
- In stripping the monument of protections, President Trump would open up this protected public land to aggressive commercial logging.
- Trump's recent orders to shrink the Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monuments in Utah constitute ***the largest elimination of protected public land in American history.***

## 2. BILLS IN CONGRESS TO ELIMINATE PROTECTIONS FOR PUBLIC LAND

- Friends of the logging industry in Congress have introduced numerous bills to weaken the Antiquities Act, the conservation tool that presidents from both parties have used for the past 100 years to protect National Monuments.
- Rep. Greg Walden (R-OR), a major proponent of logging the Cascade-Siskiyou, recently co-sponsored an extreme logging bill known as the **"Resilient Federal Forests Act" (HR 2936)**, which passed the House of Representatives late last year.
- HR 2936 calls for more aggressive logging in Oregon's public forests known as "O&C Lands," and if passed the bill would rescind parts of the Cascade-Siskiyou. The bill would also eliminate other environmental protections and create massive logging loopholes in our most important environmental laws.

## 3. LAWSUITS BROUGHT BY OREGON'S POWERFUL TIMBER INTERESTS

- Multiple timber groups are suing the government to overturn protections for the Cascade-Siskiyou and open these protected public lands up for aggressive logging.

## MORE ABOUT THE CASCADE-SISKIYOU:

- The Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument is located along the Oregon-California border where three mountain ranges collide in a stunning display of sheer geography and unparalleled biodiversity.
- The Monument was designated by Pres. Clinton in 2000 and expanded by Pres. Obama in 2017, protecting places such as the Greensprings, Pilot Rock, Grizzly Peak, and 19 miles of the Pacific Crest Trail.
- The Monument has long been described as an ecological wonder due to its diversity of plant, insect, and animal life (the Monument hosts over 130 different species of butterflies alone). In fact, the Cascade-Siskiyou is the only National Monument specifically established to protect biological diversity!
- The Monument hosts dozens of recreational opportunities such as hiking, hunting, fishing, mountain biking, cross-country skiing, and much more.



# TAKE ACTION

*Stand up for Oregon's Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument!*

## 1. CALL YOUR LEADERS

**Senator Ron Wyden: (503) 326-7525**

**Senator Jeff Merkley: (503) 326-3386**

## 2. WRITE A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Letters to the editor are simple, effective ways to pressure your elected officials.

### **HELPFUL TALKING POINTS:**

- Please stand up for the Cascade-Siskiyou and other threatened public lands
- Please oppose any bill that would increase destructive logging on Oregon's public lands known as "O&C Lands"
- Oppose any bill that suspends our bedrock environmental laws and limits the voice of the public in management decisions.
- In times such as these, we need stronger, not weaker, protections for our public lands!

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