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The Honorable Ryan Zinke
Secretary
U.S. Department of the Interior
1849 C Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Secretary Zinke:

We write in support of the recent letter submitted by Oregon Governor Kate Brown regarding Oregon's iconic Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument. We join the Governor in strongly supporting the designation and expansion of this National Monument, which protects some of Oregon's most treasured natural wonders and has benefitted tourism and the outdoor economy in the state.

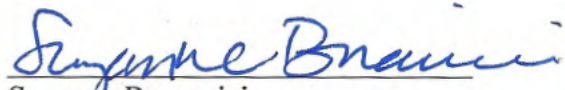
As the Governor noted in her letter, the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument was the first to be designated to protect biodiversity in the face of climate change. The recent expansion was the result of a robust public process and broad stakeholder engagement, and was widely supported by local communities, local governments, Tribes, business leaders, science and conservation interests, and more. This important Oregon resource has also seen outspoken support from members of our state's Congressional delegation, and from members of the Oregon legislature who represent the area.

The state of Oregon and the Western United States stand to reap multiple benefits from protecting the expanded National Monument, including enhanced habitat and biodiversity; preserved traditional, religious, and cultural uses for the Klamath Tribes; and increased tourism and outdoor recreation for local communities. We stand behind the Governor's call for you to acknowledge the integrity of the public process that led to the Monument's expansion, and we encourage you to preserve the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument in perpetuity.

Sincerely,



Earl Blumenauer
Member of Congress



Suzanne Bonamici
Member of Congress