

February 5, 2018

Deborah Kafoury
Multnomah County Chair
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Portland, OR 97214-3587



Re: Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument

Dear Chairwoman Kafoury,

In recent months we've learned of the Trump administration's plans to shrink four of America's National Monuments, one of which is the Oregon's Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument.

We applaud the County's decision to support the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument and for recognizing that the monument provides exceptional economic and recreational benefits for local communities. We want to emphasize that recent studies show increased visibility, visitation, spending and local and state tax revenues following the designation of a national monument. Additionally, there are popular recreational opportunities such as hiking, horseback riding, and backcountry skiing, which in turn helps support Southern Oregon's growing recreation-based economy.

As a company rooted in the outdoors, public lands protections are the backbone to our business and the entire outdoor industry.

We thank those who are working to protect the state's public lands and for recognizing the vital ecological and economic benefits that public lands protections bring.

Regards,

Meghan Wolf, Patagonia Environmental Coordinator