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President Donald J. Trump  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20500

The Honorable Ryan Zinke  
Secretary  
Department of the Interior  
1849 C Street, NW  
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**RE: Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument**

Dear President Trump and Secretary Zinke,

We, the undersigned sportsmen's organizations and sporting businesses, appreciate all you are doing to enhance opportunities for fishing and hunting in this country. It is encouraging to have a Secretary of the Interior who is committed to ensuring that America's public lands continue to offer a variety of high quality, sustainable sporting opportunities for ours and future generations.

Today, we write to you regarding the importance of Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument for fishing and hunting, and for sportsmen and women in Oregon and California.

Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument is one of the most unique places in North America in terms of geography and native fish and wildlife. These factors make this monument a particularly great place to fish and hunt. As presently configured, this monument protects key native trout habitat (including a rare, genetically distinct population of redband trout in the upper Jenny Creek drainage) and vital tributaries to the legendary salmon and steelhead runs in the Klamath and Rogue Rivers, and provides hundreds of miles of roads and trails (including motorized) for sportsmen's access. Currently, Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument is open to hunting and fishing per regulations established by the states of Oregon and California.

We strongly support managing our public lands better, bestowing special designations only on those resources truly deserving of them, like Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument, and keeping America's sporting heritage alive. But the primary factor—by far—in reduced opportunities for fishing and hunting in this country is loss and degradation of habitat. We must protect the best of what we have left, or quality hunting and fishing will become ever more confined to expensive, private properties.

It has been widely reported that one of the outcomes of the monuments review process was a recommendation that Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument be down-sized. If this is true, we respectfully request you consider two things: (1) that the extraordinary habitat and wildlife of the Cascade-Siskiyou region—the foundation of the varied hunting and fishing opportunities found here—merit protection as a national monument if only for their scientific value and justify the current boundaries; and (2) that being able to fish and hunt in a national monument provides

added value to those experiences and helps sustain the legacy of fishing and hunting in national monuments more broadly.

Our organizations are committed to properly managing and utilizing the unique fish, wildlife and habitat values in Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument. We strongly believe the present monument boundaries are adequate and should not be reduced. We look forward to working cooperatively with the BLM on plans and actions that better protect key salmon, steelhead and native trout habitat while boosting local economies and providing sustainable outdoor recreation opportunities in the Cascade-Siskiyou region. Reducing the present size of this monument, in our opinion, would be antithetical to those goals.

For more information on our position on this and other public lands issues, please contact David Lass, California Field Director for Trout Unlimited, at [dlass@tu.org](mailto:dlass@tu.org) or 530.388.8261.

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