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VOTE IN THE POLL AT GreatOregonOutdoors.com/monument

CITIZENS & ELECTED OFFICIALS in Southern Oregon,

This is the first letter I have ever written to my government and a **FORMAL REQUEST**. Thank you for your time spent reading this. It is very important to my family, friends and the businesses I operate. I am a Business Owner, Social Community Developer, Historian and at the root of my soul, an Outdoorsman. I hike, walk dogs, explore, hunt, fish and regularly photograph the Southern Oregon Outdoors for business and pleasure.

I have great personal, historical and business interest in the areas covered in the proposed expansion. My family, friends and I VISIT THEM REGULARLY!

- A friend showed me how to get from Soda Mountain from Pilot Rock when I was in College. It was as a beautiful drive. I can't show anyone now.
- Learned how to find both ends of Buck Rock Tunnel in College and can't show my mother or grandmother since the expansion.
- Showed my wife Agate Flats the California Boarder and Pioneer Cabins no longer accessible since the institution of the ORIGINAL Monument Area.
- Showed my older parents, kids and a couple of disabled friends Pilot Rock UP CLOSE before the trailhead was moved a mile down the perfectly good road. That viewing was ruined for small children and disabled people with the last expansion. I cannot take my grandmother there nor my grandkids until they are older.
- We've seen the red band trout that run Jenny creek. They are awesome. I prefer to fish the red bands natives in the Chewaucan and other rivers. Sure are a lot of red bands just past Klamath. We love the red band hatchery near Fort Klamath. BEAUTIFUL FISH in all settings, native and hatchery raised.
- We hike the trails, many mapped and many COMPLETELY UNMAPPED. There are likely double the number of trails than have been mapped or had a government sign added to them in the hills that surround the Rogue River Valley. If you love that stuff, find me on Facebook and ask for directions to something fun.
- Without horses, or a 20 mile backpack trip, many of the places I have enjoyed over several decades have **BEEN REMOVED FROM PUBLIC USE**. I can no longer photograph them for pleasure, or for business.
- There is grave concern for the fire danger that has been created by the existing monument plan. The LACK OF MANAGEMENT is creating a situation where WE WILL LOSE IT ALL TO FIRE.
- There is no plan for replacement of jobs and timber tax dollars that support the local community as forests become closed to logging. Protect our forests – ABSOLUTELY. But the local people, schools, roads and more have long survived on timber tax dollars. Not replacing them is FISCALLY IRRESPONSIBLE.

As I travel, by four-wheel drive vehicle and foot, hiking many miles, I see what many others may not. I see the beauty and what EXCEPTIONAL STEWARDS OF THE OUTDOORS Southern Oregonians are. There is no "problem." I have been visiting the outdoors regularly in Southern Oregon & Northern California my entire life. Those pressing this project have VESTED INTERESTS in attaching their names to a monument POLITICALLY – a monument to FALSE KINGS. The scientists used for information gathering and opinions have future career and financial interests in the project. WHO STANDS TO GAIN. Will you, as a politician, be proud of a project you pressed forward at the expense of valid, pursued public input? If so, it's time to get out of the game.

DISABLED PEOPLE, SMALL CHILDREN and even average citizens HAVE BEEN BARRED from use of public property for over exaggerated reasons. But it is NOT JUST my opinion. I am including Member counts of some of the communities I manage, communities of citizens that ACTUALLY USE LAND SENSIBLY. I am polling them at: GreatOregonOutdoors.com/Monument The folks that visit the area in question and a large section of the general public. This appears to be a MONUMENT TO POLITICIANS. I'm pretty sure I will find out the CITIZENS SURELY do not want you to take away more land.

I FORMALLY REQUEST that the mad rush to limit access to public land PAUSE, and be delayed until the temperatures of the local citizens who USE the land can be taken. There is no need to rush this decision if you really care about the forest and the citizens. If you REALLY ARE a representative of the people, **TAKE A PLEDGE RIGHT NOW** to put all future expansions and road closures ON A BALLOT. If not, why be in office??? **Did you pledge to serve the citizen's interests?** You can't do that if you slip land deals through without making an effort to ask them.

CALL OR EMAIL ME if you would like me to share the online poll results with you. **I WILL PUBLISH IT TO 100,000 local Facebook and Email accounts.**

LET'S FIND OUT WHAT THE PEOPLE THINK... The actual land users, trusted citizens who voted you into office, and stewards in good standing of the outdoors.

With Respect, Sadness, and PAIN,



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