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The Honorable Mike Crapo
United States Senate
239 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mike Simpson
United States House of Representatives
2312 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Jim Risch
United States Senate
483 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Raul Labrador
United States House of Representatives
1523 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senator Crapo, Senator Risch, Representative Simpson, and Representative Labrador:

As Chairman of Idaho Forest Group and a longtime resident of Sandpoint, Idaho, I am writing to express my support for a congressional designation of Scotchman's Peak wilderness area in Idaho.

Idaho Forest Group is dedicated and committed to good stewardship of our forests, and works within the community to increase the timber production from our national forests and to advance the preservation of certain locally-supported wilderness areas.

The Scotchman Peaks are cherished by local residents and serve as a tourist draw. Recent endorsements by the Sandpoint Chamber of Commerce, the Bonner County Commissioners, the Governor of Montana, the Missoulian, Spokesman Review, Bonner County Dailey Bee and the Sanders County Ledger reflect a growing community consensus that the time is right for designating the Scotchman Peaks as wilderness.

I would be delighted to discuss this with you at your convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marc Brinkmeyer", written over a horizontal line.

Marc Brinkmeyer
Chairman-Owner
Idaho Forest Group