

Governor Butch Otter
State Capitol
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Dear Governor Otter,

I am writing this letter as President of the Panhandle Chapter of Trout Unlimited in support of a wilderness designation for Scotchman Peaks.

The Trout Unlimited mission is to conserve, protect and restore North Americas cold water fisheries and their watersheds. Towards this end the Scotchman Peaks drainage area is paramount in the health of some of our local stream and rivers; notably the Bull River in Montana, Lightning Creek and its tributaries in Idaho and the Clark Fork River. As a frequent fisherman to these rivers, I appreciate the mitigation that the Scotchman Peaks provide during our spring run-off in terms of debris and silt loading. Preserving the Peaks as a wilderness area will only help the TU mission.

I know from personal experience that Scotchman Peaks is a major recreational and tourist attraction in our area and a wilderness designation will only enhance that aspect.

Please help us (all) by introducing legislation to designate the Idaho side of Scotchman Peaks as wilderness area.

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