



IDAHO CHAPTER - BACKCOUNTRY HUNTERS & ANGLERS

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Friends of Scotchman Peaks Wilderness
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Dear Friends of Scotchman Peaks Wilderness,

The Idaho Chapter of Backcountry Hunters and Anglers is the “Sportsmen’s Voice for Wild Public Lands, Waters and Wildlife” and we represent over 900 members throughout Idaho. As an organization we are dedicated to ensuring access and opportunity for hunters and anglers on public lands and waters while promoting the principles of fair chase. It is under these tenets that we support the proposed Wilderness Designation of the Idaho portion of Scotchman Peaks.

The protection of Scotchman Peaks as a Wilderness area would ensure the highest level of protection for recreational values as well as critical wildlife habitat for some of the west’s most iconic species, such as bull trout, mountain goat, grizzly bear, wolverine and lynx.

It is our opinion that the Scotchman Peaks Wilderness Designation proposal has been soundly crafted to allow for continued management of Idaho’s wildlife while considering traditional use and access routes remain available. It is these highlights that the Idaho Chapter of Backcountry Hunters and Anglers recognize, encourage and support.

We appreciate your determination for this designation and offer our support in your continued efforts.

Sincerely,

The Idaho Chapter of Backcountry Hunters and Anglers