

Friends of Scotchman Peaks Wilderness



Friends of Scotchman Peaks Wilderness, founded by concerned citizens from North Idaho and Western Montana, has offices in Sandpoint, Idaho, Heron and Libby, Mont., and over 7,700 supporters who believe Wilderness designation for the Scotchman Peaks will benefit our region.

Ecological benefit - wilderness designation for the Scotchmans would protect:

- Water quality, flora and fauna, such as grizzly bears, lynx, mountain goat, and bull trout.
- Low elevation boreal and old growth forests, which are not well represented in the National Wilderness Preservation System.

The Scotchmans are well situated for wilderness because:

- There are no protected wilderness areas in Idaho's nine northern counties.
- The Kootenai has less wilderness than any other national forest in Montana.
- No new wilderness has been designated on this forest since 1964.

Wilderness designation for the Scotchmans does NOT:

- Close any existing roads, motorized trails, or snowmobiling areas.
- Restrict hunting, fishing, hiking, berry picking or any non-mechanized activities (in fact it enhances these activities).
- Impact any existing, or proposed, timber or mining areas or jobs.

Economic impact – What wilderness DOES do:

- Local communities will benefit from the unparalleled recreational and economic opportunities that wilderness provides.
- Many studies have indicated a strong link between protected public lands and diverse, vibrant western economies.

Resolutions of support, endorsements, or calls for congressional action from:

Backcountry Hunters & Anglers, ID Chapt.
Backcountry Hunters & Anglers, MT Chapt.
Bonner County Commissioners
Bonner County Daily Bee
Bull Lake Rod and Gun Club
Clif Bar and Company
Coldwater Creek
Evergreen Magazine
Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs
Governor Bullock, Montana
Governor Schweitzer, Montana (former)
Idaho Conservation League
Idaho Forest Group
Idaho Master Naturalists, Pend Oreille Chapt.
Idaho Native Plant Society
Idaho Trails Association
Idaho Wildlife Federation
Kinnikinnick Native Plant Society
Lewiston Tribune
Libby Rod and Gun Club
The Missoulian

Montana Backcountry Horsemen
Montana Wildlife Federation
Panhandle Nordic Club
Pend Oreille Pedalers Bike Club
Plains & Paradise Chamber of Commerce
Plains Grange
City of Ponderay
River Journal
Rotary Club of Sandpoint
Sanders County Ledger
Sandpoint Chamber of Commerce
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*Wilderness designation for the Scotchman Peaks makes both ecologic and economic sense
for our region, for our families, for our future. Visit us at:*

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