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Mr. Phillip Hough Friends of Scotchman Peaks P.O. Box 2061 Sandpoint, ID 83864

## Dear Phil:

Please accept this letter as support for your work on designating the Idaho portion of the Scotchman Peaks as a wilderness area. By copy of this letter, we are asking our congressional delegation to act upon the vision of the recently released forest plan and introduce legislation to designate the Scotchman Peaks as Wilderness.

The Greater Sandpoint Chamber of Commerce supports the Scotchman Peaks as a wilderness area to ensure our public lands continue to offer the quality of life our community desires while protecting its unique qualities for future generations.

The wilderness designation would ensure the economic impact to surrounding communities will continue. Visitors to our area come for recreational pursuits and hiking the Scotchman is one of the most popular. These hikers in turn stay, eat and shop in our communities helping businesses to keep operating.

The signatures below represent the Greater Sandpoint Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and their businesses, who all support the Scotchman Peaks wilderness designation.

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