

OREGON

National Monuments Established Through the Use of the Antiquities Act in Oregon

Oregonians support public lands. 80% of voters in Oregon will not support politicians who vote to sell off public lands and 70% of Oregonians want to see more protected wilderness areas created in their state.

The state outdoor recreation economy contributed \$7.5 billion to Oregon's economy in 2022. Given the impact this has on the state, it is no surprise that Oregonians want to see the designations of more national monuments including protecting the Owyhee Canyonlands.

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In 2021, Oregon was ranked #18 for the percentage of their economy based on outdoor recreation. In 2022, this sector accounted for 2.5% of state GDP, \$3.8 billion in wages, 72,737 direct jobs, and added a value of \$7.5 billion to the state economy.



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Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument

Expanding on these numbers is the Economic Analysis of Outdoor Recreation in Oregon report, which found that in 2019 this industry supported \$15.6 billion in spending across the state. Outdoor recreation therefore clearly plays a large role in the state's economics. This influence is only growing, which is evidenced

by the fact that the two busiest years ever recorded in Oregon parks and campgrounds were 2021 and 2022. In 2021, National Parks alone contributed \$137 million to the state economy. These trends are causing people in Oregon to take the need to capture money from the outdoor recreation economy quite seriously. One example of this is the mid-Willamette Valley, where recreation is growing but citizens still have a sense that more could be done.

"Being the closest city to the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument, we know that living next to this unique and beautiful monument brings both economic benefits and recreation opportunities for our residents. Protected public lands are so important to communities like Ashland. I encourage President Biden to designate more national monuments across the country so more communities can benefit as we have."



City of Ashland, Oregon Mayor Tonya Graham

Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument | Photo Credit: Bob Wick

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National Park Service Visits, Spending, and Economic Contributions to the Oregon Economy

| State | Total Recreation Visits | Total Visitor Spending (\$2022) | Jobs | Economic Output (\$2022) |
|--------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|-------|--------------------------|
| Oregon | 1,045,307 | \$85,500,000 | 1,190 | \$128,900,000 |

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| Park Unit | Total Recreation Visits | Total Visitor Spending \$2022 | Jobs | Labor Income \$2022 | Value Added \$2022 | Economic Output \$2022 |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|------|---------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| <u>Oregon Caves National Monument</u> | 72,923 | \$6,763,000 | 93 | \$3,296,000 | \$5,111,000 | \$9,112,000 |

See our 2022 Mountain Pact [Oregon](#) National Monuments Fact Sheet for more information.

Bureau of Land Management National Monuments Designated Through the Use of the Antiquities Act

| Protected Area | Important Economic Indicators |
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| <u>Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument</u> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Between 2001 and 2015, Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument supported 14% job growth, with 21% growth in the service sector, 16% population growth, and 12% growth in real per capita income in the surrounding county. According to the 2021 Annual Manager's Report, in FY21 there were an estimated 170,454 visitor days to Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument. |

OREGON - Potential National Monuments

Owyhee Canyonlands

The Owyhee Canyonlands has millions of acres of deep canyons, rolling sagebrush grasslands, and rushing rivers worthy of National Monument status. Today, only 5% of the Owyhee Canyonlands is permanently protected, leaving this natural treasure vulnerable to looming threats of industrial development and climate change. Despite its legacy of conservation, Oregon now lags behind other Western states, ranking near last in terms of public lands protected in the last decade. There has been a three-decades-long effort to protect the Owyhee Canyonlands and nearly 80% of Oregonians are in favor of protecting this land. This included 89% of Democrats, 65% of Republicans and 80% of people who identify as independents.

The momentum to protect the Owyhee Canyonlands is undeniable, in large part due to the convening of a broad and diverse coalition of conservationists, hunters, recreationists, tribal members, and others in support of permanent protection.

"We Oregonians cherish our public lands - they are crucial to the economic and cultural vitality of many Western communities, including ours in Bend. They are the foundation for a unique way of life for residents, support our important outdoor recreation economy, and keep us healthy and resilient. I encourage President Biden to create more national monuments across the country for ours and future generations. Places like the Owyhee Canyonlands should be permanently protected as a national monument. Protected public land conserve our important places and the vast expanse of our breathtaking history."



City of Bend, Oregon Council Member Barb Campbell

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