The Soda Mountain area [a wilderness area within the monument] is more than just botanically interesting. It is an important link for migration, dispersion, and the process of evolution in the Northwest.

Tom Atzet, Ph.D., 40-year career SW Oregon Area Ecologist

“With towering fir forests, sunlit oak groves, wildflower-strewn meadows, and steep canyons, the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument is an ecological wonder, with biological diversity unmatched in the Cascade Range.”

Proclamation 7318—Establishment of the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument

Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument

ABOUT THE CASCADE-SISKIYOU NATIONAL MONUMENT (CSNM)

- Located in southwestern Oregon and northern California, the monument is managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).
- The 170,409-acre monument was designated in 2000 by President Clinton but was expanded by 48,000 acres in 2017 by President Obama.
- The CSMN received its name from the Cascade and Siskiyou mountain ranges running through the monument.

CULTURAL AND NATURAL HERITAGE

- Archaeological excavations in the CSNM have shown that the area has been inhabited for thousands of years.
- Nearly 100 dwelling and root-gathering sites of the Modoc, Klamath, and Shasta tribes have been uncovered in the CSNM area.
- Ancient forests throughout the monument area provide habitat for rare species such as great gray owls, northern goshawks, and Pacific fishers.

PUBLIC ACCESS AND USE OF CSNM

- The CSNM provides fantastic recreation opportunities including camping, climbing, horseback riding, and fishing.
- The Pacific Crest National Trail winds for 19 miles through the monument, providing opportunities to hike and view these preserved lands.
- The CSNM is part of the National Conservation Lands program through the BLM, and is the nation’s only monument set aside for its exceptional biodiversity.

LOCAL SUPPORT & OUTDOOR ECONOMY

In Jackson County, Oregon, near the CSNM, service jobs (teachers, engineers, doctors) grew by 24% and real personal income rose 30% in the 15 years following the national monument’s designation (Headwaters Economics, 2015).

In Oregon, the outdoor recreation economy supports 172,000 jobs & contributes $749M in state and local tax revenue (Outdoor Industry Association, 2018).

Protect Our National Monuments!

President Trump and Republicans in Congress want to take public lands away from everyday Americans and hand them over to oil, gas and mining companies. In April 2017, President Trump signed an Executive Order directing the Department of the Interior to review the establishment history and current status of 27 national monuments created since 1996 under the Antiquities Act, a law Congress passed more than a century ago that authorizes the president to designate national monuments on existing federal land. In August 2017, Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke recommended shrinking or modifying at least ten national monuments, including Cascade-Siskiyou. On December 4, 2017, Trump drastically shrank two of Utah’s National Monuments - Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante - through a presidential order with no legal basis.