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April 23, 2007

The Honorable Ron Wyden
United States Senate
230 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-3703

The Honorable Gordon Smith
United States Senate
404 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-3704

The Honorable Greg Walden
United States House of Representatives
1210 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-3702

The Honorable Earl Blumenauer
United States House of Representatives
2267 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-3703

RE: The Lewis and Clark Mount Hood Wilderness Act of 2007 (S647)

Dear Members of Congress:

The Lewis and Clark Mount Hood Wilderness Act was discussed at the March and April general meetings of the Mount Hood Corridor CPO and there was unanimous support for the bill. Additions of wilderness areas and the Wild & Scenic river designations will secure enduring benefits for our citizens. It will protect local fish and wildlife, water resources, and the scenic beauty of our area. It can also provide community recreational opportunities and address wildfire management. Years of diverse citizen support on behalf of wilderness in the Mount Hood region warrants a strong bill. We commend our Senators and Representatives, who have together demonstrated on many occasions the interest and support for passing a Mount Hood bill. We encourage you to pass the Lewis and Clark Mount Hood Wilderness Act of 2007.

Sincerely,

Don Mench, Chair
Mount Hood Corridor
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