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The Honorable Governor Kate Brown
Oregon State Capitol
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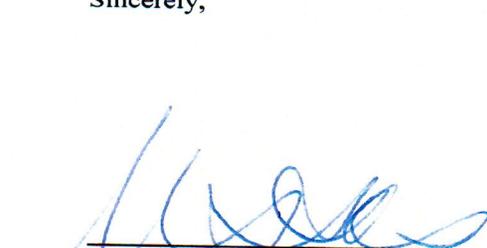
Dear Governor Brown:

We, the Yamhill County Board of Commissioners, strongly support the efforts of the “Owyhee Basin Stewardship Coalition” in their efforts to thwart the overreach of the Federal Government in the designation of a national monument on 2.5 million acres of these lands.

Local residents voted overwhelmingly to oppose this takeover, and yet it requires no vote from members of Congress for this to happen. We would ask our Governor and all other local and national elected officials to join us in opposition of this designation.

The local farmers and ranchers in Malheur County have been good stewards of the land and have used it to the benefit of the local economy. The federal government and its many agencies already have many layers of strict regulation to protect these lands. This designation would take these lands completely out of use for the economic benefit and vitality of this region and would have a major impact on the local community.

Sincerely,



Mary Starrett, Chair

Stan Primozich, Vice-Chair

Allen Springer, Commissioner

cc: Senator Ron Wyden
Senator Peter DeFazio
Senator Greg Walden
Senator Suzanne Bonamici
Senator Jeff Merkley
Senator Earl Blumenauer
Senator Kurt Schrader

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