

Resolution #21
Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs

SUPPORT SCOTCHMAN PEAKS WILDERNESS DESIGNATION

Submitted by: Idaho Conservation League

Background: The proposed Scotchman Peaks Wilderness is an 88,000-acre mountainous area straddling the Idaho-Montana border in the West Cabinet Mountain range. The Scotchmans are home to mountain goats, threatened grizzly bears, bull trout, moose and a myriad of other wildlife species. The high peaks offer stunning views of Lake Pend Oreille and the surrounding area. The Friends of Scotchman Peaks Wilderness have been working for the past four years to build grassroots and political support for wilderness designation to protect the areas wildlife, clean water and wilderness values. Idaho's Congressmen support wilderness protection for the Scotchmans, but legislation has yet to be drafted.

Resolution: The FWOC supports wilderness designation for the Scotchman Peaks. As a federally designated wilderness, the Scotchman's unique landscapes, pristine waters, wildlife and opportunities for hiking, hunting, photography, adventure and solitude will be protected for future generations in perpetuity.

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