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RE: Keep Waldo Wild Campaign

To whom it may concern:

The Central Oregon Chapter of the Great Old Broads for Wilderness strongly supports the Oregon Sierra Club’s campaign to Keep Waldo Wild. I have visited Waldo Lake many times and have always been struck by the lake’s crystal clean water, and the beauty of the surrounding forest.

As an avid hiker and mountain biker I truly appreciate the approach the Sierra Club went through to reach out to various user groups such as mountain bikers and trail runners to better understand their concerns about potential wilderness designation for this area. I believe establishing the Waldo Forest Conservation Area will meet the goals of protecting this unique area from logging and motorized vehicle use, while still allowing non-motorized recreation and protecting old growth forest areas.

The Great Old Broads for Wilderness also strongly supports the Oregon Sierra Club’s proposal to add an additional 15,147 acres into existing Waldo Lake Wilderness and Three Sisters Wilderness areas. This proposal would help protect several pristine mountain lakes, expand roadless areas, protect old growth Mountain Hemlock forests from timber extraction and motorized vehicle use.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

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