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May 10, 2006

Representative Greg Walden
1210 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Representative Earl Blumenauer
US House of Representatives
2446 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Subject: **Mt. Hood Stewardship Legacy Act**

Dear Representatives Walden and Blumenauer:

Over the last two years Mazamas has had the honor of being active participants in your ongoing research and information gathering leading to the Mt. Hood Stewardship Legacy Act.

We are very glad to see all of your efforts culminate in HR 5025. We are writing to thank you for the effort you've put into HR 5025, the Mt. Hood Stewardship Legacy Act. You know how dear Mt. Hood is to our hearts, and we applaud your leadership in putting together a bipartisan plan to protect more of her slopes, forests, and waterways. This is a truly historic moment for our state, and we look forward to seeing the fruition of your work with the designation of more wilderness by the end of this session of Congress.

We look forward to our continuing partnership to protect our priceless Oregon wilderness through a balanced program and invite you to call upon the Mazamas if we can be of further assistance in our mutual goal.

Sincerely,

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