

TO: Interested Parties
FROM: Global Strategy Group
DATE: December 13, 2017
RE: **POLL RESULTS: OR-02 CONSTITUENTS STRONGLY OPPOSE SHRINKING NATIONAL MONUMENTS**

Congressman Greg Walden's constituents in Oregon's 2nd Congressional District care deeply about preserving public lands and are paying close attention to the debate around the Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante national monuments in Utah. Walden's constituents clearly want to see Congress reject proposed legislation to shrink these monuments, and Walden can best preserve the district's good will toward him by siding with his constituents on the issue and voting against this legislation.

Key findings from Global Strategy Group's recent poll of 401 likely 2018 general election voters in Oregon's 2nd Congressional District are as follows:

KEY SURVEY FINDINGS:

- **OR-02 constituents feel strongly about protecting public lands.** Nearly nine in ten (88%) say that preserving public lands in Oregon is important to them, including 63% who say it is "very" important.
- **The district is paying close attention to the debate around the Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante national monuments.** Nearly three-quarters (73%) have heard "some" or "a lot" about recent executive orders by President Trump related to public lands.
- **Constituents want to see Congress protect national monuments.** By a clear, 14-point margin (39% support/53% oppose), Walden's constituents oppose legislation in Congress that would reduce the size of the Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante national monuments. Opposition to the proposed changes is intense, with 45% "strongly" opposed.
- **Walden can preserve his positive standing by voting against legislation that would lift monument protections.** Just over half of Walden's constituents have favorable attitudes about him (51% favorable/35% unfavorable). However, when asked what their opinion of him would be if he voted for new laws to shrink the size of the Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante national monuments, more constituents say they would feel unfavorable toward Walden than favorable (44% favorable/49% unfavorable).

ABOUT THIS POLL: Global Strategy Group conducted a survey of 401 likely general election voters in Oregon's 2nd Congressional District from December 7 to 11, 2017. The results of this survey have a margin of error of +/-4.9%. Care has been taken to ensure the geographic and demographic divisions of the expected electorate are properly represented based on historical turnout.

S1. Are you at least 18 years old and registered to vote at [ADDRESS]?

Yes 100%
No -
Don't know/Refused -

S3. As you may know, there will be an election for U.S. Senate and U.S. Congress in November 2018. How likely are you to vote in the November 2018 election for U.S. Congress: Will you definitely vote, probably vote, are the chances 50-50, probably not vote, or definitely not vote?

Definitely 82%
Probably 15
Chance 50-50 2
Probably not -
Definitely not -
Don't know/Refused *

P1. No matter how you may be planning to vote this year, when it comes to politics, do you generally think of yourself as a strong Democrat, not very strong Democrat, strong Republican, not very strong Republican, or Independent? [IF INDEPENDENT/DON'T KNOW] Do you think of yourself as closer to the Democratic Party or the Republican Party?

Strong Democrat 22%
Weak Democrat 7
Independent / Closer to the Democrats 12
Independent 8
Independent / Closer to the Republicans 15
Weak Republican 4
Strong Republican 31
VOL: (Don't know/Refused) 2

DEMOCRAT (NET) 29%
INDEPENDENT (NET) 36
REPUBLICAN (NET) 35

DEMOCRAT W/ LEANERS (NET) 40%
REPUBLICAN W/ LEANERS (NET) 50

Now I have a list of names, and I would like to get your opinion of each one. Just let me know if there's one you haven't heard of... Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of [ITEM]? [IF FAVORABLE] And is your opinion very favorable or somewhat favorable? [IF UNFAVORABLE] And is your opinion very unfavorable or somewhat unfavorable?

	FAVORABLE		UNFAVORABLE		(CR)	NH	(DK/Ref.)	NET		
	Very	Some	Some	Very				FAV	UNFAV	FAMILIAR
• National monuments.....	63%	19	6	5	4	1	2	82%	11	93
• The National Park Service.....	55%	25	6	5	4	1	3	81%	11	92
• Oregon's public lands.....	50%	23	7	8	6	2	4	72%	15	87
• [FORM B] Conservation groups	36%	20	12	19	5	3	4	56%	32	87
• Donald Trump	45%	9	7	38	2	-	1	53%	44	98
• Greg Walden	29%	22	10	25	8	4	3	51%	35	86
• The Bears Ears National Monument.....	36%	13	7	5	10	22	8	48%	12	60
• [FORM A] The oil and gas industry	23%	25	21	20	8	1	2	48%	41	89

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	FAVORABLE		UNFAVORABLE		(CR)	NH	(DK/Ref.)	NET		
	Very	Some	Some	Very				FAV	UNFAV	FAMILIAR
• The Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument.....	35%	10	7	5	13	23	7	46%	12	57
• [FORM B] Republicans in Congress.....	19%	21	13	38	6	*	2	40%	51	91
• [FORM A] Democrats in Congress.....	22%	15	19	40	3	*	1	37%	59	96
• [FORM A] The Department of the Interior.....	12%	25	17	19	15	7	6	36%	35	72
• [FORM B] Ryan Zinke.....	7%	3	2	15	5	55	13	11%	17	28

V1X. If the 2018 election for U.S. Congress was today, would you vote to re-elect Republican Greg Walden or would you vote for a new candidate to replace Walden as your Congressperson? [IF CHOICE] Would you definitely or probably vote to [RE-ELECT/REPLACE] Greg Walden as your Congressperson?

Definitely re-elect.....	28%
Probably re-elect.....	17
Probably replace.....	10
Definitely replace.....	33
VOL: (Don't know/Refused).....	11
RE-ELECT (NET).....	45%
REPLACE (NET).....	44

V1Y. If the 2018 election for U.S. Congress was today and the candidates were Republican Greg Walden and a Democratic candidate, which way would you vote? [IF UNDECIDED] But if you had to decide today, which way would you lean?

Greg Walden.....	45%
Lean Greg Walden.....	6
Democratic candidate.....	31
Lean Democratic candidate.....	5
VOL: (Undecided/Refused).....	13
WALDEN (NET).....	51%
DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE (NET).....	36

I am going to read you some descriptions. For each, please tell me whether you think it describes Greg Walden very well, somewhat well, not very well, or not well at all. Here's the first one. [ITEM]. From your perspective, does that describe Walden very well, somewhat well, not too well, or not well at all?

	WELL		NOT WELL		(DK/Ref.)	NET	
	Very	Some	Not very	Not at all		WELL	NOT WELL
• [FORM A] Just votes the party line.....	35%	27	4	11	22	63%	15
• Works to make Oregon a better place for future generations.....	31%	28	13	18	10	59%	31
• [FORM A] Protects Oregon's outdoor heritage and public lands.....	28%	28	9	21	14	55%	30
• [FORM A] Too close to special interests.....	35%	21	11	12	22	55%	23
• [FORM B] Too close to Republicans in Congress.....	39%	15	13	11	22	54%	24
• [FORM B] Understands the importance of conserving public lands.....	26%	22	16	16	20	48%	32
• Too close to President Trump.....	28%	14	20	19	19	42%	39
• [FORM B] Too close to the oil and gas industries.....	21%	20	11	18	30	41%	29

16. Changing topics... How much have you seen, read, or heard recently about executive orders by President Trump related to public lands?

Heard a lot	42%
Heard some	32
Heard a little	16
Haven't heard anything.....	9
VOL: (Don't know/Refused)	2
A LOT/SOME (NET)	73%
LITTLE/NOTHING (NET).....	25

As you may know, President Trump recently signed executive orders that cut roughly two million acres from two national monuments in Utah, removing federal protections against development, mining, and drilling on these public lands. Trump's recent executive orders are the largest rollback of federal land protections in the nation's history.

17. Having heard this, do you support or oppose President Trump's recent executive orders to roll back federal land protections? **[IF SUPPORT/OPPOSE]** Is that strongly **[SUPPORT/OPPOSE]** or just somewhat?

Strongly support	38%
Somewhat support.....	7
Somewhat oppose.....	7
Strongly oppose.....	42
VOL: (Don't know/Refused)	6
SUPPORT (NET).....	46%
OPPOSE (NET).....	49

18. And in general, how important do you think it is to preserve public lands in Oregon?

Very important	63%
Somewhat important.....	24
Not that important.....	4
Not important at all	4
VOL: (Don't know/Refused)	4
IMPORTANT (NET).....	88%
NOT IMPORTANT (NET)	8

19. **[IF IMPORTANT]** In a sentence or two, why do you say it is important to preserve public lands in Oregon?



Now I'm going to read you a statement that a group has made about Greg Walden, and afterward ask your opinion.

In the heart of the west two million acres of protected public lands just got wiped off the map. Risking jobs and rural economies. Selling off American heritage. Now elites in D.C. have their sights set on Oregon. Congress could even gut protections for Western monuments and parks. And Greg Walden may be the deciding vote. Tell Walden to stop D.C.'s attacks on public lands. Because your American birthright is not for sale.

20. Sometimes people change their minds in surveys like this and sometimes they don't. Once again, having heard this statement... How important do you think it is to preserve public lands in Oregon?

Very important	63%
Somewhat important.....	23
Not that important.....	6
Not important at all	5
VOL: (Don't know/Refused)	4
IMPORTANT (NET).....	85%
NOT IMPORTANT (NET)	11

As you may know, Congress is now considering laws similar to Donald Trump's recent executive orders. These new laws would allow Congress to reduce the size of the Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante national monuments in Utah, which would remove federal protections on roughly two million acres of land.

21. Do you support or oppose new laws that would allow Congress to reduce the size of these two national monuments and remove federal protections on roughly two million acres of land? [IF SUPPORT/OPOSE] Is that strongly [SUPPORT/OPOSE] or just somewhat?

Strongly support	26%
Somewhat support.....	13
Somewhat oppose.....	8
Strongly oppose.....	45
VOL: (Don't know/Refused)	8
SUPPORT (NET).....	39%
OPOSE (NET).....	53

22. And how willing would you be to take action to stop these laws from passing, such as posting on social media, signing a petition, or contacting an elected official?

Very willing	42%
Somewhat willing.....	27
Not that willing	5
Not willing at all.....	23
VOL: (Don't know/Refused)	3
WILLING (NET)	69%
NOT WILLING (NET).....	28

23. If this were all you knew about two candidates for Congress next year... If you had a choice next year between voting for a candidate who supports these new laws to roll back protections on public lands or a candidate who opposes these new laws to roll back protections on public lands, which candidate would you vote for? [IF UNDECIDED] But if you had to decide today just based on these descriptions, which way would you lean?

Candidate who supports rolling back protections.....	33%
Lean candidate who supports rolling back protections ...	8
Candidate who opposes rolling back protections	41
Lean candidate who opposes rolling back protections....	7
VOL: (Undecided/Refused).....	10
SUPPORTS ROLL BACK (NET)	41%
OPOSES ROLL BACK (NET)	49

24. If Greg Walden votes for these new laws to reduce the size of two national monuments in Utah and remove federal protections on roughly two million acres of public land... Would you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Greg Walden? [IF FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE] And would your opinion be very [FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE] or somewhat [FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE]?

Favorable-Very.....	28%
Favorable-Somewhat	15
Unfavorable-Somewhat.....	10
Unfavorable-Very.....	39
VOL: (Still can't rate).....	3
VOL: (Don't know/Refused)	5
FAVORABLE (NET)	44%
UNFAVORABLE (NET)	49
FAMILIAR (NET)	92

V2X. And if Greg Walden votes for these new laws to roll back protections on public lands... If the 2018 election for U.S. Congress was today, would you vote to re-elect Republican Greg Walden or would you vote for a new candidate to replace Walden as your Congressperson? **[IF CHOICE]** Would you definitely or probably vote to **[RE-ELECT/REPLACE]** Greg Walden as your Congressperson?

Definitely re-elect.....	32%
Probably re-elect	12
Probably replace.....	11
Definitely replace	36
VOL: (Don't know/Refused).....	9
RE-ELECT (NET)	44%
REPLACE (NET)	46

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Greg Walden	43%
Lean Greg Walden	7
Democratic candidate.....	33
Lean Democratic candidate.....	7
VOL: (Undecided/Refused).....	10
WALDEN (NET).....	50%
DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE (NET).....	40

I am now going to read you the same list of descriptions you heard earlier. For each please tell me whether you think it would describe Greg Walden very well, somewhat well, not very well, or not well at all if she votes for these new laws to roll back protections on public lands. Here's the first one. **[ITEM]**. From your perspective, would that describe Walden very well, somewhat well, not too well, or not well at all if she votes for these new laws to roll back protections on public lands?

	WELL		NOT WELL		(DK/Ref.)	NET	
	<u>Very</u>	<u>Some</u>	<u>Not very</u>	<u>Not at all</u>		<u>WELL</u>	<u>WELL</u>
• [FORM A] Just votes the party line.....	38%	26	10	8	18	63%	19
• [FORM B] Too close to Republicans in Congress.....	38%	23	9	12	18	61%	21
• [FORM A] Too close to special interests.....	36%	22	11	13	18	58%	24
• [FORM A] Protects Oregon's outdoor heritage and public lands	29%	29	9	25	8	58%	34
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• Too close to President Trump	33%	18	12	20	17	51%	32
• [FORM B] Too close to the oil and gas industries.....	27%	21	8	15	29	47%	23
• [FORM B] Understands the importance of conserving public lands.....	23%	20	10	30	17	43%	40

DAGE. In what year were you born? **[REFUSED' ASSIGNED AGE FROM FILE]**

18-29	8%
30-44	17
45-54	17
55-64	26
65+.....	32
Refused	-

D102. What is the last grade of school or level of education you completed?

Did not complete high school	2%
Graduated high school	17
Attended technical/vocational school	4
Attended some college but no degree.....	21
Graduated two-year college with Associate's degree	13
Graduated four-year college with Bachelor's degree	20
Obtained Master's, PhD, or other professional degree (MD, DMD, etc.).....	17
VOL: (Don't know/Refused).....	6

D105. When it comes to politics, do you generally think of yourself as:

Very liberal.....	11%
Somewhat liberal.....	15
Moderate.....	22
Somewhat conservative.....	16
Very conservative.....	29
VOL: (Don't know/Refused).....	7
 LIBERAL (NET).....	 27%
CONSERVATIVE (NET).....	45

DRACE. To ensure we have a representative sample, could you please tell me your race? **[IF BLACK/WHITE/OTHER]** Do you consider yourself a Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish-speaking American? **['REFUSED' AND OTHER' ASSIGNED RACE FROM FILE]**

Black/African-American.....	*
White/Caucasian.....	97
Hispanic/Latino.....	1
Asian-American.....	-
Native American.....	1
Other.....	-
VOL: (Refused).....	-

Gender [BY OBSERVATION]

Male.....	48%
Female.....	52

Party [FROM SAMPLE]

Democrat.....	32%
Independent.....	24
Republican.....	44

Region [FROM SAMPLE]

Medford-Klamath Falls DMA-Jackson.....	27%
Rest of Medford-Klamath Falls DMA.....	16
Bend DMA.....	25
Portland DMA.....	22
Other DMAS.....	10