

TO: Interested Parties
FROM: Global Strategy Group
DATE: December 13, 2017
RE: **POLL RESULTS: WA-03 CONSTITUENTS OPPOSE ROLLING BACK PUBLIC LANDS PROTECTIONS**

Protecting public lands is a key issue for Congresswoman Jaime Herrera Beutler's constituents in Washington's 3rd Congressional District, who place a high priority on preserving public lands in Washington State and have formed strong opinions against President Trump's recent executive orders to shrink the size of the Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante national monument in Utah. Constituents similarly oppose legislation in Congress to weaken federal protections on these monuments, and incumbent Herrera Beutler can best maintain her support in the district by opposing this legislation and taking a stand to protect public lands.

Key findings from Global Strategy Group's recent poll of 401 likely 2018 general election voters in Washington's 3rd Congressional District are as follows:

KEY SURVEY FINDINGS:

- **Herrera Beutler's constituents care deeply about protecting public lands.** A sweeping majority say that protecting public lands in Washington State is important to them (92%), including 63% who say it is "very important."
- **Herrera Beutler's constituents are well aware of President Trump's recent executive orders to shrink the Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante national monuments, and strongly oppose the decision.** Roughly seven in ten (71%) have heard at least "some" about recent executive orders by President Trump related to public lands, including two in five (40%) who have heard "a lot" about the issue. WA-03 constituents oppose Trump's decision to reduce the size of these national monuments by a margin of 11 points (40% support/51% oppose), including 46% who "strongly" oppose the executive orders.
- **Constituents want to see Congress reject the proposed rollbacks to national monument protections.** Herrera Beutler's constituents oppose legislation that would reduce the size of the Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante national monuments by a 20-point margin (33% support/53% oppose). Again, opposition is intense, with roughly half (49%) "strongly" opposed to this legislation.
- **Herrera Beutler can maintain her support in the district if she votes against the proposed rollbacks to national monument protections.** Herrera Beutler currently leads in a ballot test against a generic Democratic candidate by 9 points (48% Herrera Beutler/39% Democrat), but when her constituents are asked to consider a scenario where she votes to roll back protections on the Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante national monuments, she falls to a 3-point deficit (42% Herrera Beutler/45% Democrat).

ABOUT THIS POLL: Global Strategy Group conducted a survey of 401 likely general election voters in Washington's 3rd 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 ON FILE]?

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 86%
Probably 13
Chance 50-50 1
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] Do you think of yourself as closer to the Democratic Party or the Republican Party?

Strong Democrat 25%
Weak Democrat 5
Independent / Closer to the Democrats 10
Independent 10
Independent / Closer to the Republicans 14
Weak Republican 6
Strong Republican 28
VOL: (Don't know/Refused) 1

DEMOCRAT (NET) 30%
INDEPENDENT (NET) 35
REPUBLICAN (NET) 35

DEMOCRAT W/ LEANERS (NET) 40%
REPUBLICAN W/ LEANERS (NET) 49

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...

	FAVORABLE		UNFAVORABLE		(CR)	NH	(DK/Ref.)	NET		
	Very	Some	Some	Very				FAV	UNFAV	FAMILIAR
• National monuments.....	65%	23	3	1	5	*	3	88	4	92
• The National Park Service.....	53%	27	5	6	6	1	3	80	11	91
• Washington's public lands.....	48%	21	5	5	10	4	6	69	11	80
• [FORM B] Conservation groups.....	29%	28	12	15	6	3	7	57	26	84
• Donald Trump.....	32%	18	4	45	1	-	*	50	49	99
• Jaime Herrera Beutler.....	28%	21	11	22	7	6	4	49	33	83
• The Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument.....	34%	13	2	1	14	28	8	47	3	51
• [FORM A] The oil and gas industry.....	22%	25	20	24	6	1	3	47	43	90

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	Very	Some	Some	Very				FAV	UNFAV	FAMILIAR
• The Bears Ears National Monument...	34%	11	6	2	13	27	7	45	7	52
• [FORM A] The Department of the Interior	15%	25	14	18	14	8	6	40	33	72
• [FORM A] Democrats in Congress	16%	24	12	42	3	1	3	39	54	93
• [FORM B] Republicans in Congress	11%	25	13	41	7	*	1	37	54	91
• [FORM B] Ryan Zinke	4%	9	4	10	18	49	5	13	14	27

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

Definitely re-elect.....	30%
Probably re-elect	11
Probably replace.....	10
Definitely replace	34
VOL: (Don't know/Refused).....	15
RE-ELECT (NET)	42%
REPLACE (NET)	44

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

Jaime Herrera Beutler	40%
Lean Jaime Herrera Beutler	8
Democratic candidate.....	33
Lean Democratic candidate.....	6
VOL: (Undecided/Refused).....	13
BEUTLER (NET)	48%
DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE (NET).....	39

I am going to read you some descriptions. For each, please tell me whether you think it describes Jaime Herrera Beutler very well, somewhat well, not very well, or not well at all. Here's the first one...

	WELL		NOT WELL		(DK/Ref.)	NET	
	Very	Some	Not very	Not at all		WELL	NOT WELL
• [FORM B] Too close to Republicans in Congress.....	37%	21	13	14	15	58	27
• Works to make Washington a better place for future generations.....	31%	24	13	19	13	56	32
• [FORM A] Just votes the party line.....	26%	25	14	12	23	51	26
• [FORM A] Protects Washington's outdoor heritage and public lands.....	16%	26	11	19	28	42	30
• [FORM A] Too close to special interests	26%	16	15	13	30	42	28
• [FORM B] Understands the importance of conserving public lands.....	21%	19	16	16	28	39	32
• Too close to President Trump	20%	17	19	23	22	36	42
• [FORM B] Too close to the oil and gas industries.....	21%	14	15	17	34	34	32

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	40%
Heard some	31
Heard a little	16
Haven't heard anything.....	12
VOL: (Don't know/Refused)	1
A LOT/SOME (NET)	71%
LITTLE/NOTHING (NET).....	28

17. 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.

Strongly support	29%
Somewhat support.....	11
Somewhat oppose.....	5
Strongly oppose.....	46
VOL: (Don't know/Refused)	8
SUPPORT (NET).....	40%
OPPOSE (NET).....	51

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?

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

Very important	63%
Somewhat important.....	29
Not that important.....	3
Not important at all	3
VOL: (Don't know/Refused)	3
IMPORTANT (NET).....	92%
NOT IMPORTANT (NET)	6

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

CODED RESPONSES TO FOLLOW

Now I'm going to read you a statement that a group has made about Jaime Herrera Beutler, 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 Washington State. Congress could even gut protections for Western monuments and parks. And Jaime Herrera Beutler may be the deciding vote. Tell Herrera Beutler to stop DC'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 Washington State?

Very important	62%
Somewhat important.....	18
Not that important.....	7
Not important at all	5
VOL: (Don't know/Refused)	8
IMPORTANT (NET).....	81%
NOT IMPORTANT (NET)	12

21. 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.

Strongly support	22%
Somewhat support.....	12
Somewhat oppose.....	4
Strongly oppose.....	49
VOL: (Don't know/Refused)	14
SUPPORT (NET).....	33%
OPPOSE (NET).....	53

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/OPPOSE]** Is that strongly **[SUPPORT/OPPOSE]** or just somewhat?

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	37%
	Somewhat willing	23
	Not that willing	6
	Not willing at all.....	27
VOL:	(Don't know/Refused)	6
	WILLING (NET)	61%
	NOT WILLING (NET).....	33

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.....	26%
	Lean candidate who supports rolling back protections ...	6
	Candidate who opposes rolling back protections	43
	Lean candidate who opposes rolling back protections....	10
VOL:	(Undecided/Refused).....	16
	SUPPORTS ROLL BACK (NET).....	31%
	OPPOSES ROLL BACK (NET)	52

24. If Jaime Herrera Beutler 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 Jaime Herrera Beutler? **[IF FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE]** And would your opinion be very **[FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE]** or somewhat **[FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE]**?

	Favorable-Very	22%
	Favorable-Somewhat	13
	Unfavorable-Somewhat	7
	Unfavorable-Very.....	47
VOL:	(Still can't rate).....	6
VOL:	(Don't know/Refused).....	6
	FAVORABLE (NET)	34%
	UNFAVORABLE (NET)	53
	FAMILIAR (NET)	88

v2X. And if Jaime Herrera Beutler 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 Jaime Herrera Beutler or would you vote for a new candidate to replace Herrera Beutler as your Congressperson? **[IF CHOICE]** Would you definitely or probably vote to **[RE-ELECT/REPLACE]** Jaime Herrera Beutler as your Congressperson?

	Definitely re-elect.....	29%
	Probably re-elect	8
	Probably replace.....	11
	Definitely replace	42
VOL:	(Don't know/Refused).....	11
	RE-ELECT (NET)	37%
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	Lean Jaime Herrera Beutler	6
	Democratic candidate.....	38
	Lean Democratic candidate.....	7
VOL:	(Undecided/Refused).....	13
	BEUTLER (NET)	42%
	DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE (NET).....	45

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 Jaime Herrera Beutler 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...

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	Very	Some	Not very	Not at all		WELL	NOT WELL
• [FORM A] Just votes the party line.....	35%	20	10	12	23	55	22
• [FORM B] Too close to Republicans in Congress.....	36%	17	9	15	23	52	24
• Works to make Washington a better place for future generations.....	30%	21	12	22	15	51	34
• [FORM A] Too close to special interests.....	34%	14	12	10	29	48	22
• [FORM A] Protects Washington's outdoor heritage and public lands.....	17%	25	11	24	24	42	35
• Too close to President Trump.....	28%	13	16	20	23	41	36
• [FORM B] Understands the importance of conserving public lands.....	22%	17	12	27	22	40	39
• [FORM B] Too close to the oil and gas industries.....	23%	7	14	23	32	31	37

Now I have just a few final questions for statistical purposes.

Age [‘REFUSED’ CODED FROM SAMPLE]		
18-29.....	7%	
30-44.....	18	
45-54.....	19	
55-64.....	26	
65+.....	30	
Refused.....	-	

D102. What is the last grade of school or level of education you completed?		
Did not complete high school.....	1%	
Graduated high school.....	16	
Attended technical/vocational school.....	4	
Attended some college but no degree.....	20	
Graduated two-year college with Associate's degree.....	15	
Graduated four-year college with Bachelor's degree.....	22	
Obtained Master's, PhD, or other professional degree (MD, DMD, etc.).....	16	
VOL: (Don't know/Refused).....	6	

D105. When it comes to politics, do you generally think of yourself as:		
Very liberal.....	15%	
Somewhat liberal.....	14	
Moderate.....	23	
Somewhat conservative.....	17	
Very conservative.....	22	
VOL: (Don't know/Refused).....	8	
LIBERAL (NET).....	29%	
CONSERVATIVE (NET).....	40	

Race [‘REFUSED’ CODED FROM SAMPLE]		
Black/African-American.....	*	
White/Caucasian.....	98	
Hispanic/Latino.....	1	
Asian-American.....	*	
Native American.....	1	
Other.....	-	
VOL: (Refused).....	-	

Gender [BY OBSERVATION]

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

Region [FROM SAMPLE]

Southwest Clark 35%
Northeast Clark..... 25
Rest of Portland DMA..... 22
Seattle DMA 18