

TO: Interested Parties
FROM: Global Strategy Group
DATE: February 5, 2018
RE: **NEW POLL: REP. WALDEN MUST SUPPORT PUBLIC LANDS TO MAINTAIN CONSTITUENTS' FAVOR**

Congressman Greg Walden's constituents in Oregon's 2nd Congressional District feel strongly about protecting public lands and stopping legislation that would threaten national monument protections by giving presidents more power to revoke their protected public land status. Walden can increase his favorability in the district by siding with his constituents on proposed public lands legislation, but risks serious damage to his reputation if he votes against constituents' wishes on this highly salient issue.

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 are clearly opposed to President Trump's recent executive orders to shrink the size of western monuments.** By an 18-point margin, constituents oppose Trump's recent orders to cut roughly two million acres from two national monuments in Utah (38% support/56% oppose, including 50% who are strongly opposed). Opposition to the executive orders is even higher now in the district than it was in a similar poll conducted in December (46% support/49% oppose).

Just under half of constituents are familiar with the Bears Ears (46% familiar, 36% favorable/10% unfavorable) and Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monuments (45% familiar, 34% favorable/12% unfavorable) by name, and those who are familiar with these monuments have overwhelmingly positive opinions of them.

- **Constituents strongly oppose legislation that would shrink the size of two Utah monuments and give presidents more power to lift public land protections.** OR-02 constituents oppose this proposed legislation by a greater than two-to-one margin (30% support/64% oppose), including a majority (56%) who are strongly opposed to it. Additionally, nearly two-thirds (65%) say they would be willing to take action to stop this legislation from passing, such as posting on social media, signing a petition, or contacting an elected official.
- **Walden can increase his favorability among constituents by supporting public lands.** Public lands are a highly salient issue with the district, with 71% of constituents saying it is "very important" to them to preserve public lands in Oregon (up from 63% in December).

Roughly two-thirds (67%) would have a more favorable opinion of Walden if he supports laws that help the federal government preserve public lands with national monument protections like Oregon's Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument, and a similar number (65%) would have a more positive opinion of Walden if he opposes laws that allow a President to unilaterally remove protections on public lands without the approval of Congress.

- **Walden risks becoming vulnerable on public lands issues if he doesn't side with his constituents.** Walden is currently well-liked by his constituents (53% favorable/32% unfavorable), but falls 14 points underwater (38% favorable/52% unfavorable) after voters hear simulated advertising that Walden has voted to weaken public lands protections in the past and is considering another vote that would threaten public lands.

ABOUT THIS POLL: Global Strategy Group conducted a survey of 401 likely general election voters in Oregon's 2nd Congressional District from January 26 to 30, 2018. 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.