

TO: Interested Parties
FROM: Global Strategy Group
DATE: February 5, 2018
RE: **NEW POLL: REP. HERRERA BEUTLER'S STANDING HINGES ON HER SUPPORT FOR PUBLIC LANDS**

Public lands are a highly salient issue to Congresswoman Jaime Herrera Beutler's constituents in Washington's 3rd Congressional District, who adamantly oppose legislation that would shrink western monuments and threaten national monument protections by giving presidents more power to revoke their protected public land status. Herrera Beutler has an opportunity to increase her standing in the district by siding with her constituents on this legislation, but risks a sharp decline in her favorability if she votes to undermine protections on public lands.

Key findings from Global Strategy Group's recent poll of 400 likely 2018 general election voters in Washington's 3rd Congressional District are as follows:

KEY SURVEY FINDINGS:

- **Constituents overwhelmingly oppose President Trump's executive orders to shrink the size of western monuments.** By a nearly two-to-one margin (32% support/62% oppose), constituents oppose Trump's executive orders to cut roughly two million acres from two Utah monuments. Further, over half of voters (52%) are "strongly" opposed, and opposition to the executive orders has increased by double digits since a similar poll conducted in December (40% support/51% oppose).

Roughly four in ten WA-03 constituents are familiar with the Grand Staircase-Escalante (38% familiar, 35% favorable/3% unfavorable) and Bears Ears National Monuments (37% familiar, 33% favorable/4% unfavorable) by name, and those who are familiar with these monuments have overwhelmingly favorable attitudes toward them.

- **Constituents strongly oppose legislation that would shrink these monuments in Utah and give presidents more power to remove public lands protections.** Roughly two-thirds of constituents (24% support/67% oppose) oppose these proposed laws, including a majority (59%) who are strongly opposed to the legislation. Additionally, over two-thirds (68%) would be willing to take action to stop these laws from passing, such as posting on social media, signing a petition, or contacting an elected official about the legislation.
- **Jaime Herrera Beutler can improve her favorability in the district by supporting public lands.** Public lands are a deeply resonant issue to WA-03 constituents, with 70% of constituents saying it is "very important" to them to preserve public lands in Washington (up from 63% in December).

Over eight in ten (82%) would have a more favorable opinion of Herrera Beutler if she supports laws that help the federal government preserve public lands with national monument protections like the Hanford Reach and Mount St. Helens National Monuments in Washington, and seven in ten (70%) would have a more positive opinion of Herrera Beutler if she opposes laws that allow a president to remove protections on public lands without Congress's approval.

- **Herrera Beutler would be vulnerable on public lands issues if she goes against her constituents.** Herrera Beutler is currently 25 points above water among her constituents (53% favorable/28% unfavorable), but they become split in their opinions of her (43% favorable/44% unfavorable) after hearing simulated negative advertising saying that she has voted to undermine public lands protections in the past and is now considering another vote to weaken protections on public lands.

ABOUT THIS POLL: Global Strategy Group conducted a survey of 400 likely general election voters in Washington's 3rd 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.