This region in Central Idaho represents one of the largest under-protected roadless landscapes in the lower 48 states. The area contains significant ecological and wilderness values and is home to a rich variety of wildlife — species such as bighorn sheep and the elusive wolverine, as well as rare plants found nowhere else on earth. Salmon travel nearly 1,100 miles from the ocean, over dams, to return home to this amazing place. The region provides world-class recreation opportunities for sportsmen, mountain bikers, skiers, and hikers.

**MONUMENTAL VISION FOR THE BOULDER-WHITE CLOUDS**

A National Monument gives us the opportunity to create our own Idaho-made plan that matches the scenery and recognizes what the Boulder-White Clouds give us year after year. Such a plan can create certainty for reasonable motorized access and mountain biking, certainty for a wild backcountry that supports our cherished traditions, and certainty for an economic engine that draws in visitors. If we want to pass on our Idaho way of life to future generations, we need a custom-tailored plan to keep things the way we like them in the Boulder-White Clouds.
PROPOSED BOULDER-WHITE CLOUD NATIONAL MONUMENT
NEW CHAPTER IN A DECADE-LONG DISCUSSION

Hashing out a long-term plan for the Boulder-White Clouds isn’t a new idea. For over a decade, Congressman Mike Simpson (R-ID) has worked diligently with local and national stakeholders to pass the Central Idaho Economic Development and Recreation Act (CIEDRA), legislation that would protect portions of the Boulder-White Clouds landscape and provide economic assistance to local communities and ranchers. The legislation has been mired in political stalemate for years.

Congressional gridlock means Idaho can no longer depend on Congress to give the Boulder-White Clouds the permanent protection they deserve. We are calling on the Administration to get the job done by declaring the area a national monument. A diverse coalition of Idaho supporters—sportsmen, conservation groups, recreation groups, outfitters, businesses, community leaders, and students—see great promise in preserving the ecological and economic benefits of this wild area through a national monument. Together we’re working to protect the Boulder-White Clouds now and for future generations.
NOW IS THE TIME TO:

Keep the Backcountry Wild. Backcountry solitude is one of the characteristics that draw recreationists of all types to the Boulder-White Clouds. Off-road vehicle use is a persistent and growing activity incompatible with the backcountry experience sought by other recreationists in the core areas of the Boulder White-Clouds. A Monument would protect quiet and solitude in the core of the Boulder-White Clouds, while providing balanced use for all users across the broader landscape.

Keep Mining Out of the Boulder-White Clouds. Mining has been a threat in the Boulder-White Clouds for decades. It is this reason that a portion of the proposed monument now exists inside of the Sawtooth National Recreation Area (SNRA) boundary. While the SNRA has been closed to mineral entry since it was designated in 1972, there are currently hundreds of mining claims that exist in the Boulder-White Clouds and outside of the SNRA boundaries. A Monument would withdraw location, entry and patent of new mining claims in the area, protecting the entire Boulder-White Clouds landscape from future mining development.

Keep the Alpine in Tact. The East Fork Salmon River watershed and associated Boulder-White Clouds Mountains constitute some of the most critical unprotected fish and wildlife habitat in Idaho. This landscape not only is home to the highest altitude Chinook salmon and steelhead habitat in the lower 48 states, but also contains a unique concentration of both high-quality summer and winter range for big-game species such as elk, deer and bighorn sheep. The current piecemeal approach to managing this important drainage has proved insufficient in protecting both the rivers and lands. A national monument would provide a singular comprehensive plan to protect the Boulder-White Clouds.

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