

**Talking Points for Mount Hood Summit III**  
**November 17, 2005**

- **Heritage** – Wilderness and Wild and Scenic Rivers are a proud part of Oregon’s natural heritage. We must protect our last wildlands and healthy rivers so that our children can experience Mount Hood the way Lewis and Clark first saw it 200 years ago.
- **Bipartisan Approach** – We support the bipartisan approach of Congressmen Walden and Blumenauer. We look forward to working with the entire Oregon Congressional delegation to leave an enduring wilderness legacy for our children.
- **Special Places** – We urge the Congressmen to protect special places like Boulder Lake, Olallie Lakes, Big Bottom, and the Clackamas River as Wilderness. The Congressmen should also safeguard Fifteenmile Creek with Wild and Scenic designation.
- **Values** – Wilderness and Wild and Scenic River protection are the most effective ways to safeguard clean drinking water for our communities and preserve Oregonian’s ability to enjoy these wild areas forever through hiking, camping, fishing, and hunting.
- **Good for Business** – The scenic beauty of Mount Hood and Columbia River Gorge draw tens of thousands of visitors to Oregon each year, and bring in millions of dollars in to our economy. Most recently, Google has decided to locate an office in the Dalles because of the tremendous natural amenities of the region.
- **Quality of Life** – Our Wilderness and Wild and Scenic Rivers are an important part of what makes Oregon such a special place to live, work, and raise a family.