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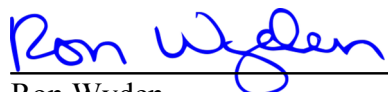
Dear Director Sams,

I am writing to express my continued interest in your resolution of the issues I raised in my December 8, 2023 letter regarding concessionaire performance at Crater Lake National Park. It is clear that the National Park Service has acted with urgency and decisiveness to date in responding to my concerns by issuing a notice of intent to terminate the existing contract to the concessionaire responsible for these issues. As you move forward with this process, I ask that you take every available step to minimize impacts on visitors and park resources during the transition to a new concessionaire. If there are any impacts that cannot be avoided during the transition, I ask that you notify me as soon as possible.

Currently, concessionaire operations are extremely limited at Crater Lake National Park, as is the case every winter, due to heavy snowfall and conditions that limit visitor access. As spring approaches and the winter conditions moderate, visitors will begin returning to the park in large numbers to enjoy a wide range of activities. It is important that these visitors are able to find places to rest, get a bite to eat and learn about the history of this incredible place while planning their hikes, boat tours, and scenic rides around the caldera's spectacular rim. These services must be maintained as they are essential to park safety and attracting the visitors from all over the world that support small businesses in the surrounding gateway communities.

I thank you for your ongoing attention and commitment to resolving this matter. I look forward to continuing to work with you to resolve this situation to the satisfaction of all Oregonians who care deeply about Crater Lake and to further the National Park Service's important mission.

Sincerely,



Ron Wyden
United States Senator