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**The Owyhee Canyonlands in southeastern Oregon** is full of amazing plants, animals, and natural beauty. It needs to be protected forever.

The Owyhee Canyonlands is the largest conservation opportunity in the American West. It has colorful canyons, large areas of sagebrush, rivers, and streams. Over 200 kinds of animals live here, including the Greater sage-grouse and pronghorn antelope. There are also nearly 30 plant species that grow only here. Scientists say it might become one of the last places where you can see the night sky without light pollution. We need to protect the Owyhee Canyonlands before it gets damaged.

## **Oregonians agree**

Oregon's senators Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley have a proposal called the Malheur Community Empowerment for the Owyhee Act. But we're not sure what will happen to this proposal. So, we are asking President Biden to make the Owyhee Canyonlands a National Monument before the end of 2024. More than two-thirds of Oregonians support this.

## **Stronger protections, still accessible**

Making the Owyhee Canyonlands a National Monument would protect it from harmful activities. This would keep the habitat safe for plants and animals. People would still be able to hike, raft, fish and stargaze.

We are working to teach more people about this special place. We need thousands of Oregonians and more organizations, businesses and elected officials across the state to join our campaign.

## **How you can help**

Follow the steps below to make your voice heard. This is a great way to let our elected officials see that you also believe that the Owyhee Canyonlands deserve to be protected forever.

**1.** Color the picture on the other side.

**2.** Take a photo with your picture.

**3.** Scan this QR code to send your photo to us. We'll share your picture with Oregon's Senators and President Biden.



**4.** Tell your friends and family what you've learned about the wonders of the Owyhee Canyonlands, and what you've done to make sure that they are protected forever.

**5.** Ask everyone you know to learn more and get involved. By drawing or coloring their own picture and sharing their photo.

We know that if enough people get involved in these efforts, in whatever ways they can, we can make sure that the Owyhee Canyonlands, and the hundreds of species that call them home, will get the protections they deserve.

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