

We the undersigned support the full restoration of the Oregon Caves Chateau and its return to overnight hospitality.

The Oregon Caves Chateau is one of the National Park Service's signature great lodges and an irreplaceable asset for Southern Oregon and the National Park System.

To sustain this critical asset to our economy and quality of life, the National Park Service must move forward with essential seismic stabilization and preservation projects to ensure the chateau's survival. In the long-term, we urge the National Park Service to pursue complete restoration of the building and its function as an overnight provider of hospitality.

Complete restoration of this structure as a lodge is critical for Southern Oregon communities. In 2021, park visitors spent \$20.5 billion in communities within 60 miles of a national park, which supported more than 322,600 jobs and generated \$14.6 billion in labor income. For every dollar invested in park amenities like the Oregon Caves Chateau, \$10 in economic activity is generated for our communities. These benefits are amplified when visitors stay overnight.

Restoration of the chateau has been envisioned for more than a decade, with planned improvements dating to 2007. However, we recognize that federal funds for the project are increasingly limited. We commit to working with the National Park Service and partners to secure non-federal funding for this important project.

With vital improvements now and complete restoration in the future, the National Park Service will preserve tourism and recreation, quality of life for residents and visitors, and the iconic historic chateau of Oregon Caves National Monument & Preserve.

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