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'Save the mountain'

Last week's Summit at the Mountain has the potential to be a watershed moment in the history of Mount Hood ("Mount Hood summit starts search for a vision," Aug. 9).

A diverse collection of people who were united only by their love of the mountain spoke with one voice when they said, "Save the mountain." The past 60 years of commercialization was summed up by a man who said, "I want more ski runs." Fortunately, the 2.3 million users of Mount Hood's forest know that much more is at stake than another ski run.

We have the moment right now to save Mount Hood before it becomes another of the "last great places" lost to men blinded by the gleam of gold. The question is, did the members of Congress and the other state and federal officials hear the cry, "Save the mountain"?

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