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THREE'S A CHARM: TRIO FROM CENTRAL OREGON WIN 2023 SUNSET TRAVEL AWARDS Central Oregon Astro Tourism, Redmond, and SCP Redmond Hotel all picked by Sunset Magazine as among the top West Coast experiences

(SUNRIVER, Ore.) — Sunset Magazine has picked three from Central Oregon among its 2023 Sunset Travel Award winners, placing all three among this year's best West Coast travel experiences. Redmond was among the destinations picked for "Best City Getaways," Visit Central Oregon's own Central Oregon Astro Tourism initiative was selected among the West's "Best Adventure Trips," and SCP Redmond was picked among the "Best Lodging for Nature Lovers."

This year marks the largest pool of entrants in the history of Sunset Travel Awards, according to Sunset Magazine. The three Central Oregon winners were chosen from 600 entries across the West, marking the third consecutive year that Central Oregon has celebrated multiple winners of the prestigious annual awards.

"To be picked by the premier travel and lifestyle authority in the West for these prestigious awards is always a thrill," said Julia Theisen, CEO of Visit Central Oregon. "This year's winners

are all so deserving. Redmond might not get the attention of its neighbor to the south, but it's grown into one of the top small urban destinations in the West. And SCP Redmond has been a catalyst for the city's growing tourism appeal. Central Oregon Astro Tourism has been an initiative to bring attention to the beauty of Central Oregon's night sky. Together they all make Central Oregon a place beloved by visitors of all kinds."

In addition to extensive online social media coverage, Redmond, Central Oregon Astro Tourism, and SCP Redmond will appear in the upcoming print issue of the magazine and be included in a dedicated online <u>travel directory</u>. Multiple other Central Oregon entries will also be included in the travel directory.

To see all the Sunset Travel Awards winners visit:

www.sunset.com/travel/sunset-travel-awards-2023-winners.

For more information on Central Oregon Activities, lodging and experiences visit <u>visitcentraloregon.com.</u>

ABOUT CENTRAL OREGON:

Located on the eastern slopes of the Cascade Range, where vast forests give way to the arid high desert, Central Oregon is characterized by year-round adventure, authenticity, inspiration and environment. From the towering peaks of the Cascades to the pristine waters of the Wild & Scenic Deschutes River, and from the more urban experiences of Bend, Sunriver, and Redmond, to the rural charms of Sisters, La Pine, Prinville, Madras, Warm Springs, and Maupin, Central Oregon offers a perfect mix of recreation and sophistication. Barely three hours from Portland, and with daily direct flights from eight major markets, getting to Central Oregon is a breeze. For more information visit www.visitcentraloregon.com or call 800-800-8334.