

**REPORT OF THE
CHIEF LEGISLATIVE ANALYST**

DATE: August 4, 2022

TO: Honorable Members of the Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee

FROM: Sharon M. ISO *Arak Keotahian - rg For* Council File No. 22-0002-S98
Chief Legislative Analyst Assignment No: 22-07-0459

SUBJECT: Resolution to SUPPORT H.R. 693, H.R. 1075 and S 1769.

CLA RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the Resolution (Raman – Koretz – De León) to include in the City’s 2021-2022 Federal Legislative Program, SUPPORT for the San Gabriel Mountains Foothills and Rivers Protection Act (H.R. 693) and the Rim of the Valley Corridor Preservation Act (H.R. 1075 and S. 1769) which would increase protections of federal lands and expand their respective boundaries in the Los Angeles region thereby preserving natural resources and wildlife habitats and ensuring access to nature and life-enhancing benefits for all City residents.

SUMMARY

The Resolution (Raman – Koretz – De León), introduced June 24, 2022, proclaims that the Earth faces a global extinction crisis, citing that scientists predict more than 1 million species are in extreme danger of extinction in the coming decades. The Resolution notes that the *New York Times* reported that California has the most imperiled biodiversity of any state in the contiguous United States. Both President Biden and Governor Newsom have launched initiatives to protect 30% of natural areas by 2030 as recommended by scientists to better protect against possible mass extinctions. The Resolution notes that Los Angeles County is one of the most park-poor, densely-populated and polluted areas in the nation. The Resolution further notes that the City is working to increase climate resilience and improve its relationship to the natural world by protecting and enhancing its biodiversity through the creation of a Biodiversity City Index and wildlife corridors. The Resolution states that parks and public lands serve an essential role in preserving natural resources and wildlife habitats, protecting clean water and clean air, and providing access to nature and the outdoors. National Recreation Areas are protected areas in the United States established by an Act of Congress to preserve enhanced recreational opportunities in places with significant natural and scenic resources, including forests and reservoirs near urban areas.

The Resolution states that there are several bills currently pending in Congress: the San Gabriel Mountains Foothills and Rivers Protection Act (H.R. 693); the PUBLIC Lands Act (S. 1459); and the Rim of the Valley Corridor Preservation Act (H.R. 1075 and S. 1769). Together, the San Gabriel Mountains Foothills and Rivers Protection Act and the PUBLIC Lands Act, would set forth provisions concerning the restoration, economic development, and conservation of, and recreational access to, certain public lands throughout California, such as expanding the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument by over 109,000 acres to include the western Angeles National Forest. These bills would establish the San Gabriel National Recreation Area along the foothills and San Gabriel River corridor, and designate over 30,000 acres of protected wilderness

and 45.5 miles of protected rivers in Southern California. The Resolution further notes that the Rim of the Valley Corridor Preservation Act would expand the boundary of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area by roughly 191,000 acres, increasing public land access for 47% of Californians who live within two hours of this area, many in disadvantaged communities.

The San Gabriel Mountains Foothills and Rivers Protection Act (H.R. 693), the PUBLIC Lands Act (S. 1459), and the Rim of the Valley Corridor Preservation Act (H.R. 1075 and S. 1769) would increase protections of federal lands and expand their respective boundaries in the Los Angeles region thereby preserving natural resources and wildlife habitats and ensuring access to nature and life-enhancing benefits for all City residents. Therefore, the Resolution requests that the City support these bills to meet these objectives throughout the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument and the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area.

BACKGROUND

On March 23, 2022, the Council adopted a Resolution (Lee – Koretz – O’Farrell; CF #21-0002-S120) to include in the City’s Federal Legislative Program support for the PUBLIC Lands Act (S. 1459), which would increase protections for over one million acres of federal public lands throughout Northwest California, the Central Coast, and Los Angeles, including nearly 600,000 acres of new wilderness, and the expansion of an existing national monument by more than 100,000 acres. As such, the proposed Resolution associated with this report pertains to H.R. 693, H.R. 1075 and S. 1769.

The San Gabriel Mountains Foothills and Rivers Protection Act (H.R. 693) establishes the San Gabriel National Recreation Area in California as a unit of the National Park System, consisting of 49,387 acres of federal lands and interests in land. This bill is intended to conserve, protect, and enhance the various resources of the recreation area for the benefit and enjoyment of present and future generations. In the same manner, **the Rim of the Valley Corridor Preservation Act (H.R. 1075 and S. 1769)** adjusts the boundary of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area to include the Rim of the Valley Unit to conserve, protect, and enhance the area.

DEPARTMENTS NOTIFIED

None

BILL STATUS

San Gabriel Mountains Foothills and Rivers Protection Act (H.R. 693)

02/02/21 Introduced in the House of Representatives. Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.
03/01/22 Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands.

Rim of the Valley Corridor Preservation Act (H.R. 1075 & S. 1769)

02/15/21 H.R. 1075 Introduced in the House of Representatives. Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.
03/15/2021 Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands.
05/20/21 S. 1769 Introduced in the Senate. Referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
06/23/2021 Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks.

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- Attachment: 1. Resolution (Raman – Koretz – De León)
2. H.R. 693
3. H.R. 1075
4. S. 1769

RULES, ELECTIONS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the Earth faces a global extinction crisis never before witnessed by humankind, with scientists predicting that more than 1 million species are in extreme danger of extinction in the coming decades; and

WHEREAS, according to a recent article in *The New York Times*, California has the most imperiled biodiversity of any state in the contiguous United States; and

WHEREAS, both President Biden and Governor Newsom have launched initiatives to protect 30% of natural areas by 2030 as recommended by scientists to better protect against these possible mass extinctions; and

WHEREAS, LA County is one of the most park-poor, densely-populated and polluted areas in the nation; and

WHEREAS, the City is working to increase climate resilience and improve its relationship to the natural world by protecting and enhancing its biodiversity through the creation of its City Index and wildlife corridors; and

WHEREAS, parks and public lands serve an essential role in preserving natural resources and wildlife habitats, protecting clean water and clean air, and providing access to nature and an essential connection for people of all ages and abilities to the life-enhancing benefits of nature and the outdoors; and

WHEREAS, National Recreation Areas are protected areas in the United States established by an Act of Congress to preserve enhanced recreational opportunities in places with significant natural and scenic resources, including forests and reservoirs near urban areas; and

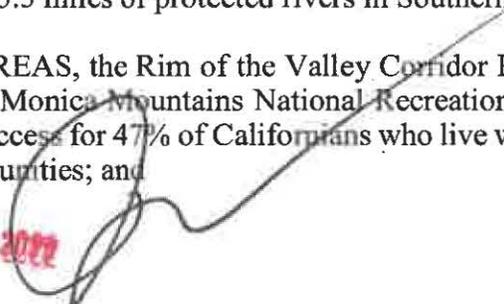
WHEREAS, currently pending in Congress, are several bills, the San Gabriel Mountains Foothills and Rivers Protection Act (H.R.693), the PUBLIC Lands Act (S.1459), and the Rim of the Valley Corridor Preservation Act (H.R.1075 and S.1769); and

WHEREAS, together, the San Gabriel Mountains Foothills and Rivers Protection Act and the PUBLIC Lands Act, would set forth provisions concerning the restoration, economic development, and conservation of, and recreational access to, certain public lands throughout California, as well as in the Los Angeles area, would expand the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument by over 109,000 acres to include the western Angeles National Forest; and

WHEREAS, these bills would also establish the San Gabriel National Recreation Area along the foothills and San Gabriel River corridor, and designate over 30,000 acres of protected wilderness and 45.5 miles of protected rivers in Southern California; and

WHEREAS, the Rim of the Valley Corridor Preservation Act would expand the boundary of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area by roughly 191,000 acres, increasing public land access for 47% of Californians who live within two hours of this area, many in disadvantaged communities; and

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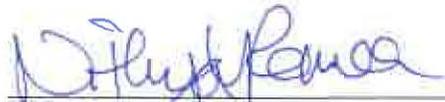
WHEREAS, the City should support these bills inasmuch as they seek to increase protections of federal public lands throughout the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument and the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area; and by expanding their respective boundaries and establishing the San Gabriel National Recreation Area along the foothills and the San Gabriel River corridor; and

WHEREAS, the approval of these bills would help meet President Biden and Governor Newsom's vital 30x30 goals and complement the City's biodiversity protection and wildlife habitat connectivity initiatives;

WHEREAS, Council has already approved a resolution (CF#21-0002-S120) in support of S. 1459 (PUBLIC Lands Act);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2021-2022 Federal Legislative Program support of the San Gabriel Mountains Foothills and Rivers Protection Act (H.R.693) and the Rim of the Valley Corridor Preservation Act (H.R.1075 and S.1769) which would increase protections of federal lands and expand their respective boundaries in the Los Angeles region thereby preserving natural resources and wildlife habitats and ensuring access to nature and life-enhancing benefits for all Angelenos.

PRESENTED BY:



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Councilmember, 5th District

SECONDED BY:



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117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 693

To establish as a unit of the National Park System the San Gabriel National Recreation Area in the State of California, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 2, 2021

Ms. CHU (for herself, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. SCHIFF, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Ms. SÁNCHEZ, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mr. GOMEZ, Ms. LEE of California, Ms. BROWNLEY, Ms. PORTER, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. TAKANO, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. DESAULNIER, Mr. KHANNA, and Mrs. TORRES of California) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

To establish as a unit of the National Park System the San Gabriel National Recreation Area in the State of California, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This Act may be cited as the
5 “San Gabriel Mountains Foothills and Rivers Protection
6 Act”.

7 (b) **TABLE OF CONTENTS.**—The table of contents for
8 this Act is as follows:

- Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.
 Sec. 2. Definition of State.

TITLE I—SAN GABRIEL NATIONAL RECREATION AREA

- Sec. 101. Purposes.
 Sec. 102. Definitions.
 Sec. 103. San Gabriel National Recreation Area.
 Sec. 104. Management.
 Sec. 105. Acquisition of non-Federal land within Recreation Area.
 Sec. 106. Water rights; water resource facilities; public roads; utility facilities.
 Sec. 107. San Gabriel National Recreation Area Public Advisory Council.
 Sec. 108. San Gabriel National Recreation Area Partnership.
 Sec. 109. Visitor services and facilities.

TITLE II—SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS

- Sec. 201. Definitions.
 Sec. 202. National Monument Boundary Modification.
 Sec. 203. Designation of Wilderness Areas and Additions.
 Sec. 204. Administration of Wilderness Areas and Additions.
 Sec. 205. Designation of Wild and Scenic Rivers.
 Sec. 206. Water rights.

1 **SEC. 2. DEFINITION OF STATE.**

2 In this Act, the term “State” means the State of
 3 California.

4 **TITLE I—SAN GABRIEL**
 5 **NATIONAL RECREATION AREA**

6 **SEC. 101. PURPOSES.**

7 The purposes of this title are—

8 (1) to conserve, protect, and enhance for the
 9 benefit and enjoyment of present and future genera-
 10 tions the ecological, scenic, wildlife, recreational, cul-
 11 tural, historical, natural, educational, and scientific
 12 resources of the Recreation Area;

13 (2) to provide environmentally responsible, well-
 14 managed recreational opportunities within the
 15 Recreation Area;

1 (3) to improve access to and from the Recre-
2 ation Area;

3 (4) to provide expanded educational and inter-
4 pretive services to increase public understanding of,
5 and appreciation for, the natural and cultural re-
6 sources of the Recreation Area;

7 (5) to facilitate the cooperative management of
8 the land and resources within the Recreation Area,
9 in collaboration with the State and political subdivi-
10 sions of the State, historical, business, cultural,
11 civic, recreational, tourism and other nongovern-
12 mental organizations, and the public; and

13 (6) to allow the continued use of the Recreation
14 Area by all individuals, entities, and local govern-
15 ment agencies in activities relating to integrated
16 water management, flood protection, water conserva-
17 tion, water quality, water rights, water supply,
18 groundwater recharge and monitoring, wastewater
19 treatment, public roads and bridges, and utilities
20 within or adjacent to the Recreation Area.

21 **SEC. 102. DEFINITIONS.**

22 In this title:

23 (1) **ADJUDICATION.**—The term “adjudication”
24 means any final judgment, order, ruling, or decree
25 entered in any judicial proceeding adjudicating or af-

1 fecting water rights, surface water management, or
2 groundwater management.

3 (2) **ADVISORY COUNCIL.**—The term “Advisory
4 Council” means the San Gabriel National Recreation
5 Area Public Advisory Council established under sec-
6 tion 107(a).

7 (3) **FEDERAL LANDS.**—The term “Federal
8 lands” means—

9 (A) public lands under the jurisdiction of
10 the Secretary of the Interior; and

11 (B) lands under the jurisdiction of the Sec-
12 retary of Defense, acting through the Chief of
13 Engineers.

14 (4) **MANAGEMENT PLAN.**—The term “manage-
15 ment plan” means the management plan for the
16 Recreation Area required under section 104(d).

17 (5) **PARTNERSHIP.**—The term “Partnership”
18 means the San Gabriel National Recreation Area
19 Partnership established by section 108(a).

20 (6) **PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM.**—The term “public
21 water system” has the meaning given the term in 42
22 U.S.C. 300(f)(4) or in section 116275 of the Cali-
23 fornia Health and Safety Code.

1 (7) RECREATION AREA.—The term “Recreation
2 Area” means the San Gabriel National Recreation
3 Area established by section 103(a).

4 (8) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
5 the Secretary of the Interior.

6 (9) UTILITY FACILITY.—The term “utility facil-
7 ity” means—

8 (A) any electric substations, communica-
9 tion facilities, towers, poles, and lines, ground
10 wires, communication circuits, and other struc-
11 tures, and related infrastructure; and

12 (B) any such facilities associated with a
13 public water system.

14 (10) WATER RESOURCE FACILITY.—The term
15 “water resource facility” means irrigation and
16 pumping facilities, dams and reservoirs, flood control
17 facilities, water conservation works, including debris
18 protection facilities, sediment placement sites, rain
19 gauges and stream gauges, water quality facilities,
20 recycled water facilities, water pumping, conveyance
21 and distribution systems, water storage tanks and
22 reservoirs, and water treatment facilities, aqueducts,
23 canals, ditches, pipelines, wells, hydropower projects,
24 and transmission and other ancillary facilities,
25 groundwater recharge facilities, water conservation,

1 water filtration plants, and other water diversion,
2 conservation, groundwater recharge, storage, and
3 carriage structures.

4 **SEC. 103. SAN GABRIEL NATIONAL RECREATION AREA.**

5 (a) ESTABLISHMENT; BOUNDARIES.—Subject to
6 valid existing rights, there is established as a unit of the
7 National Park System in the State the San Gabriel Na-
8 tional Recreation Area, which shall consist of approxi-
9 mately 49,387 acres of Federal land and interests in land
10 in the State depicted as the “Proposed San Gabriel Na-
11 tional Recreation Area” on the map entitled “San Gabriel
12 National Recreation Area Proposed Boundary” and dated
13 July 2019.

14 (b) MAP AND LEGAL DESCRIPTION.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable after
16 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
17 shall file a map and a legal description of the Recre-
18 ation Area with—

19 (A) the Committee on Energy and Natural
20 Resources of the Senate; and

21 (B) the Committee on Natural Resources
22 of the House of Representatives.

23 (2) FORCE OF LAW.—The map and legal de-
24 scription filed under paragraph (1) shall have the
25 same force and effect as if included in this Act, ex-

1 cept that the Secretary may correct any clerical or
2 typographical error in the map or legal description.

3 (3) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The map and legal
4 description filed under paragraph (1) shall be on file
5 and available for public inspection in the appropriate
6 offices of the National Park Service.

7 (c) ADMINISTRATION AND JURISDICTION.—

8 (1) PUBLIC LANDS.—The public lands included
9 in the Recreation Area shall be administered by the
10 Secretary, acting through the Director of the Na-
11 tional Park Service.

12 (2) DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE LAND.—Al-
13 though certain Federal lands under the jurisdiction
14 of the Secretary of Defense are included in the
15 recreation area, nothing in this title transfers ad-
16 ministration jurisdiction of such Federal lands from
17 the Secretary of Defense or otherwise affects Fed-
18 eral lands under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of
19 Defense.

20 (3) STATE AND LOCAL JURISDICTION.—Noth-
21 ing in this title alters, modifies, or diminishes any
22 right, responsibility, power, authority, jurisdiction,
23 or entitlement of the State, a political subdivision of
24 the State, including, but not limited to courts of
25 competent jurisdiction, regulatory commissions,

1 boards, and departments, or any State or local agen-
2 cy under any applicable Federal, State, or local law
3 (including regulations).

4 **SEC. 104. MANAGEMENT.**

5 (a) NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM.—Subject to valid ex-
6 isting rights, the Secretary shall manage the public lands
7 included in the Recreation Area in a manner that protects
8 and enhances the natural resources and values of the pub-
9 lic lands, in accordance with—

10 (1) this title;

11 (2) section 100101(a), chapter 1003, and sec-
12 tions 100751(a), 100752, 100753, and 102101 of
13 title 54, United States Code (formerly known as the
14 “National Park Service Organic Act”);

15 (3) the laws generally applicable to units of the
16 National Park System; and

17 (4) other applicable law, regulations, adjudica-
18 tions, and orders.

19 (b) COOPERATION WITH SECRETARY OF DE-
20 FENSE.—The Secretary shall cooperate with the Secretary
21 of Defense to develop opportunities for the management
22 of the Federal land under the jurisdiction of the Secretary
23 of Defense included in the Recreation Area in accordance
24 with the purposes described in section 101, to the max-
25 imum extent practicable.

1 (c) TREATMENT OF NON-FEDERAL LAND.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this title—

3 (A) authorizes the Secretary to take any
4 action that would affect the use of any land not
5 owned by the United States within the Recre-
6 ation Area;

7 (B) affects the use of, or access to, any
8 non-Federal land within the Recreation Area;

9 (C) modifies any provision of Federal,
10 State, or local law with respect to public access
11 to, or use of, non-Federal land;

12 (D) requires any owner of non-Federal
13 land to allow public access (including Federal,
14 State, or local government access) to private
15 property or any other non-Federal land;

16 (E) alters any duly adopted land use regu-
17 lation, approved land use plan, or any other
18 regulatory authority of any State or local agen-
19 cy or unit of Tribal government;

20 (F) creates any liability, or affects any li-
21 ability under any other law, of any private
22 property owner or other owner of non-Federal
23 land with respect to any person injured on the
24 private property or other non-Federal land;

1 (G) conveys to the Partnership any land
2 use or other regulatory authority;

3 (H) shall be construed to cause any Fed-
4 eral, State, or local regulation or permit re-
5 quirement intended to apply to units of the Na-
6 tional Park System to affect the Federal lands
7 under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of De-
8 fense or non-Federal lands within the bound-
9 aries of the recreation area; or

10 (I) requires any local government to par-
11 ticipate in any program administered by the
12 Secretary.

13 (2) COOPERATION.—The Secretary is encour-
14 aged to work with owners of non-Federal land who
15 have agreed to cooperate with the Secretary to ad-
16 vance the purposes of this title.

17 (3) BUFFER ZONES.—

18 (A) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this title es-
19 tablishes any protective perimeter or buffer
20 zone around the Recreation Area.

21 (B) ACTIVITIES OR USES UP TO BOUND-
22 ARIES.—The fact that an activity or use of land
23 can be seen or heard from within the Recre-
24 ation Area shall not preclude the activity or

1 land use up to the boundary of the Recreation
2 Area.

3 (4) FACILITIES.—Nothing in this title affects
4 the operation, maintenance, modification, construc-
5 tion, destruction, removal, relocation, improvement
6 or expansion of any water resource facility or public
7 water system, or any solid waste, sanitary sewer,
8 water or waste-water treatment, groundwater re-
9 charge or conservation, hydroelectric, conveyance
10 distribution system, recycled water facility, or utility
11 facility located within or adjacent to the Recreation
12 Area.

13 (5) EXEMPTION.—Section 100903 of title 54,
14 United States Code, shall not apply to the Puente
15 Hills landfill, materials recovery facility, or inter-
16 modal facility.

17 (d) MANAGEMENT PLAN.—

18 (1) DEADLINE.—Not later than 3 years after
19 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
20 and the Advisory Council shall establish a com-
21 prehensive management plan for the Recreation
22 Area that supports the purposes described in section
23 101.

24 (2) USE OF EXISTING PLANS.—In developing
25 the management plan, to the extent consistent with

1 this section, the Secretary may incorporate any pro-
2 vision of a land use or other plan applicable to the
3 public lands included in the Recreation Area.

4 (3) INCORPORATION OF VISITOR SERVICES
5 PLAN.—To the maximum extent practicable, the
6 Secretary shall incorporate into the management
7 plan the visitor services plan under section
8 109(a)(2).

9 (4) PARTNERSHIP.—In developing the manage-
10 ment plan, the Secretary shall consider recommenda-
11 tions of the Partnership. To the maximum extent
12 practicable, the Secretary shall incorporate rec-
13 ommendations of the Partnership into the manage-
14 ment plan if the Secretary determines that the rec-
15 ommendations are feasible and consistent with the
16 purposes in section 101, this title, and applicable
17 laws (including regulations).

18 (e) FISH AND WILDLIFE.—Nothing in this title af-
19 fects the jurisdiction of the State with respect to fish or
20 wildlife located on public lands in the State.

21 **SEC. 105. ACQUISITION OF NON-FEDERAL LAND WITHIN**
22 **RECREATION AREA.**

23 (a) LIMITED ACQUISITION AUTHORITY.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2),
25 the Secretary may acquire non-Federal land within

1 the boundaries of the Recreation Area only through
2 exchange, donation, or purchase from a willing sell-
3 er.

4 (2) ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENT.—As a further
5 condition on the acquisition of land, the Secretary
6 shall make a determination that the land contains
7 important biological, cultural, historic, or rec-
8 reational values.

9 (b) PROHIBITION ON USE OF EMINENT DOMAIN.—
10 Nothing in this title authorizes the use of eminent domain
11 to acquire land or an interest in land.

12 (c) TREATMENT OF ACQUIRED LAND.—Any land or
13 interest in land acquired by the United States within the
14 boundaries of the Recreation Area shall be—

15 (1) included in the Recreation Area; and

16 (2) administered by the Secretary in accordance
17 with—

18 (A) this title; and

19 (B) other applicable laws (including regu-
20 lations).

21 **SEC. 106. WATER RIGHTS; WATER RESOURCE FACILITIES;**

22 **PUBLIC ROADS; UTILITY FACILITIES.**

23 (a) NO EFFECT ON WATER RIGHTS.—Nothing in
24 this title or section 202—

1 (1) shall affect the use or allocation, as in exist-
2 ence on the date of the enactment of this Act, of any
3 water, water right, or interest in water (including
4 potable, recycled, reclaimed, waste, imported, ex-
5 ported, banked, or stored water, surface water,
6 groundwater, and public trust interest);

7 (2) shall affect any public or private contract in
8 existence on the date of the enactment of this Act
9 for the sale, lease, loan, or transfer of any water (in-
10 cluding potable, recycled, reclaimed, waste, imported,
11 exported, banked, or stored water, surface water,
12 and groundwater);

13 (3) shall be considered to be a relinquishment
14 or reduction of any water rights reserved or appro-
15 priated by the United States in the State on or be-
16 fore the date of the enactment of this Act;

17 (4) authorizes or imposes any new reserved
18 Federal water right or expands water usage pursu-
19 ant to any existing Federal reserved, riparian or ap-
20 propriative right;

21 (5) shall be considered a relinquishment or re-
22 duction of any water rights (including potable, recy-
23 cled, reclaimed, waste, imported, exported, banked,
24 or stored water, surface water, and groundwater)
25 held, reserved, or appropriated by any public entity

1 or other persons or entities, on or before the date of
2 the enactment of this Act;

3 (6) shall be construed to, or shall interfere or
4 conflict with the exercise of the powers or duties of
5 any watermaster, public agency, public water sys-
6 tem, court of competent jurisdiction, or other body
7 or entity responsible for groundwater or surface
8 water management or groundwater replenishment as
9 designated or established pursuant to any adjudica-
10 tion or Federal or State law, including the manage-
11 ment of the San Gabriel River watershed and basin,
12 to provide water supply or other environmental bene-
13 fits;

14 (7) shall be construed to impede or adversely
15 impact any previously adopted Los Angeles County
16 Drainage Area project, as described in the report of
17 the Chief of Engineers dated June 30, 1992, includ-
18 ing any supplement or addendum to that report, or
19 any maintenance agreement to operate that project;

20 (8) shall interfere or conflict with any action by
21 a watermaster, water agency, public water system,
22 court of competent jurisdiction, or public agency
23 pursuant to any Federal or State law, water right,
24 or adjudication, including any action relating to
25 water conservation, water quality, surface water di-

1 version or impoundment, groundwater recharge,
2 water treatment, conservation or storage of water,
3 pollution, waste discharge, the pumping of ground-
4 water; the spreading, injection, pumping, storage, or
5 the use of water from local sources, storm water
6 flows, and runoff, or from imported or recycled
7 water, that is undertaken in connection with the
8 management or regulation of the San Gabriel River;

9 (9) shall interfere with, obstruct, hinder, or
10 delay the exercise of, or access to, any water right
11 by the owner of a public water system or any other
12 individual or entity, including the construction, oper-
13 ation, maintenance, replacement, removal, repair, lo-
14 cation, or relocation of any well; pipeline; or water
15 pumping, treatment, diversion, impoundment, or
16 storage facility; or other facility or property nec-
17 essary or useful to access any water right or operate
18 an public water system;

19 (10) shall require the initiation or reinitiation
20 of consultation with the United States Fish and
21 Wildlife Service under, or the application of any pro-
22 vision of, the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16
23 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) relating to any action affecting
24 any water, water right, or water management or

1 water resource facility in the San Gabriel River wa-
2 tershed and basin; or

3 (11) authorizes any agency or employee of the
4 United States, or any other person, to take any ac-
5 tion inconsistent with any of paragraphs (1) through
6 (10).

7 (b) WATER RESOURCE FACILITIES.—

8 (1) NO EFFECT ON EXISTING WATER RE-
9 SOURCE FACILITIES.—Nothing in this title or section
10 202 shall affect—

11 (A) the use, operation, maintenance, re-
12 pair, construction, destruction, removal, recon-
13 figuration, expansion, improvement or replace-
14 ment of a water resource facility or public
15 water system within or adjacent to the Recre-
16 ation Area or San Gabriel Mountains National
17 Monument; or

18 (B) access to a water resource facility
19 within or adjacent to the Recreation Area or
20 San Gabriel Mountains National Monument.

21 (2) NO EFFECT ON NEW WATER RESOURCE FA-
22 CILITIES.—Nothing in this title or section 202 shall
23 preclude the establishment of a new water resource
24 facility (including instream sites, routes, and areas)
25 within the Recreation Area or San Gabriel Moun-

1 tains National Monument if the water resource facil-
2 ity or public water system is necessary to preserve
3 or enhance the health, safety, reliability, quality or
4 accessibility of water supply, or utility services to
5 residents of Los Angeles County.

6 (3) FLOOD CONTROL.—Nothing in this title or
7 section 202 shall be construed to—

8 (A) impose any new restriction or require-
9 ment on flood protection, water conservation,
10 water supply, groundwater recharge, water
11 transfers, or water quality operations and main-
12 tenance; or

13 (B) increase the liability of an agency or
14 public water system carrying out flood protec-
15 tion, water conservation, water supply, ground-
16 water recharge, water transfers, or water qual-
17 ity operations.

18 (4) DIVERSION OR USE OF WATER.—Nothing in
19 this title or section 202 shall authorize or require
20 the use of water or water rights in, or the diversion
21 of water to, the Recreation Area or San Gabriel
22 Mountains National Monument.

23 (c) UTILITY FACILITIES AND RIGHTS OF WAY.—

24 Nothing in this title or section 202 shall—

1 (1) affect the use, operation, maintenance, re-
2 pair, construction, destruction, reconfiguration, ex-
3 pansion, inspection, renewal, reconstruction, alter-
4 ation, addition, relocation, improvement, removal, or
5 replacement of a utility facility or appurtenant right-
6 of-way within or adjacent to the Recreation Area or
7 San Gabriel Mountains National Monument;

8 (2) affect access to a utility facility or right-of-
9 way within or adjacent to the Recreation Area or
10 San Gabriel Mountains National Monument; or

11 (3) preclude the establishment of a new utility
12 facility or right-of-way (including instream sites,
13 routes, and areas) within the Recreation Area or
14 San Gabriel Mountains National Monument if such
15 a facility or right-of-way is necessary for public
16 health and safety, electricity supply, or other utility
17 services.

18 (d) ROADS; PUBLIC TRANSIT.—

19 (1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

20 (A) PUBLIC ROAD.—The term “public
21 road” means any paved road or bridge (includ-
22 ing any appurtenant structure and right-of-
23 way) that is—

24 (i) operated or maintained by a non-
25 Federal entity; and

1 (ii)(I) open to vehicular use by the
2 public; or

3 (II) used by a public agency or utility
4 for the operation, maintenance, improve-
5 ment, repair, removal, relocation, construc-
6 tion, destruction or rehabilitation of infra-
7 structure, a utility facility, or a right-of-
8 way.

9 (B) PUBLIC TRANSIT.—The term “public
10 transit” means any transit service (including
11 operations and rights-of-way) that is—

12 (i) operated or maintained by a non-
13 Federal entity; and

14 (ii)(I) open to the public; or

15 (II) used by a public agency or con-
16 tractor for the operation, maintenance, re-
17 pair, construction, or rehabilitation of in-
18 frastructure, a utility facility, or a right-of-
19 way.

20 (2) NO EFFECT ON PUBLIC ROADS OR PUBLIC
21 TRANSIT.—Nothing in this title or section 202—

22 (A) authorizes the Secretary to take any
23 action that would affect the operation, mainte-
24 nance, repair, or rehabilitation of public roads
25 or public transit (including activities necessary

1 to comply with Federal or State safety or public
2 transit standards); or

3 (B) creates any new liability, or increases
4 any existing liability, of an owner or operator of
5 a public road.

6 **SEC. 107. SAN GABRIEL NATIONAL RECREATION AREA PUB-**
7 **LIC ADVISORY COUNCIL.**

8 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 180 days after
9 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall
10 establish an advisory council, to be known as the “San
11 Gabriel National Recreation Area Public Advisory Coun-
12 cil”.

13 (b) DUTIES.—The Advisory Council shall advise the
14 Secretary regarding the development and implementation
15 of the management plan and the visitor services plan.

16 (c) APPLICABLE LAW.—The Advisory Council shall
17 be subject to—

18 (1) the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5
19 U.S.C. App.); and

20 (2) all other applicable laws (including regula-
21 tions).

22 (d) MEMBERSHIP.—The Advisory Council shall con-
23 sist of 22 members, to be appointed by the Secretary after
24 taking into consideration recommendations of the Partner-
25 ship, of whom—

1 (1) 2 shall represent local, regional, or national
2 environmental organizations;

3 (2) 2 shall represent the interests of outdoor
4 recreation, including off-highway vehicle recreation,
5 within the Recreation Area;

6 (3) 2 shall represent the interests of commu-
7 nity-based organizations, the missions of which in-
8 clude expanding access to the outdoors;

9 (4) 2 shall represent business interests;

10 (5) 1 shall represent Indian Tribes within or
11 adjacent to the Recreation Area;

12 (6) 1 shall represent the interests of home-
13 owners' associations within the Recreation Area;

14 (7) 3 shall represent the interests of holders of
15 adjudicated water rights, public water systems,
16 water agencies, wastewater and sewer agencies, recy-
17 cled water facilities, and water management and re-
18 plenishment entities;

19 (8) 1 shall represent energy and mineral devel-
20 opment interests;

21 (9) 1 shall represent owners of Federal grazing
22 permits or other land use permits within the Recre-
23 ation Area;

24 (10) 1 shall represent archaeological and histor-
25 ical interests;

1 (11) 1 shall represent the interests of environ-
2 mental educators;

3 (12) 1 shall represent cultural history interests;

4 (13) 1 shall represent environmental justice in-
5 terests;

6 (14) 1 shall represent electrical utility interests;

7 and

8 (15) 2 shall represent the affected public at
9 large.

10 (e) TERMS.—

11 (1) STAGGERED TERMS.—A member of the Ad-
12 visory Council shall be appointed for a term of 3
13 years, except that, of the members first appointed,
14 7 of the members shall be appointed for a term of
15 1 year and 7 of the members shall be appointed for
16 a term of 2 years.

17 (2) REAPPOINTMENT.—A member may be re-
18 appointed to serve on the Advisory Council on the
19 expiration of the term of service of the member.

20 (3) VACANCY.—A vacancy on the Advisory
21 Council shall be filled in the same manner in which
22 the original appointment was made.

23 (f) QUORUM.—A quorum shall be ten members of the
24 advisory council. The operations of the advisory council

1 shall not be impaired by the fact that a member has not
2 yet been appointed as long as a quorum has been attained.

3 (g) CHAIRPERSON; PROCEDURES.—The Advisory
4 Council shall elect a chairperson and establish such rules
5 and procedures as the advisory council considers necessary
6 or desirable.

7 (h) SERVICE WITHOUT COMPENSATION.—Members
8 of the Advisory Council shall serve without pay.

9 (i) TERMINATION.—The Advisory Council shall cease
10 to exist—

11 (1) on the date that is 5 years after the date
12 on which the management plan is adopted by the
13 Secretary; or

14 (2) on such later date as the Secretary con-
15 siders to be appropriate.

16 **SEC. 108. SAN GABRIEL NATIONAL RECREATION AREA**
17 **PARTNERSHIP.**

18 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established a Part-
19 nership, to be known as the “San Gabriel National Recre-
20 ation Area Partnership”.

21 (b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of the Partnership are
22 to—

23 (1) coordinate the activities of Federal, State,
24 Tribal, and local authorities and the private sector
25 in advancing the purposes of this title; and

1 (2) use the resources and expertise of each
2 agency in improving management and recreational
3 opportunities within the Recreation Area.

4 (c) MEMBERSHIP.—The Partnership shall include the
5 following:

6 (1) The Secretary (or a designee) to represent
7 the National Park Service.

8 (2) The Secretary of Defense (or a designee) to
9 represent the Corps of Engineers.

10 (3) The Secretary of Agriculture (or a designee)
11 to represent the Forest Service.

12 (4) The Secretary of the Natural Resources
13 Agency of the State (or a designee) to represent—

14 (A) the California Department of Parks
15 and Recreation; and

16 (B) the Rivers and Mountains Conser-
17 vancy.

18 (5) 1 designee of the Los Angeles County
19 Board of Supervisors.

20 (6) 1 designee of the Puente Hills Habitat
21 Preservation Authority.

22 (7) 4 designees of the San Gabriel Council of
23 Governments, of whom 1 shall be selected from a
24 local land conservancy.

1 (8) 1 designee of the San Gabriel Valley Eco-
2 nomic Partnership.

3 (9) 1 designee of the Los Angeles County Flood
4 Control District.

5 (10) 1 designee of the San Gabriel Valley
6 Water Association.

7 (11) 1 designee of the Central Basin Water As-
8 sociation.

9 (12) 1 designee of the Main San Gabriel Basin
10 Watermaster.

11 (13) 1 designee of a public utility company, to
12 be appointed by the Secretary.

13 (14) 1 designee of the Watershed Conservation
14 Authority.

15 (15) 1 designee of the Advisory Council for the
16 period during which the Advisory Council remains in
17 effect.

18 (16) 1 designee of San Gabriel Mountains Na-
19 tional Monument Community Collaborative.

20 (d) DUTIES.—To advance the purposes described in
21 section 101, the Partnership shall—

22 (1) make recommendations to the Secretary re-
23 garding the development and implementation of the
24 management plan;

1 (2) review and comment on the visitor services
2 plan under section 109(a)(2), and facilitate the im-
3 plementation of that plan;

4 (3) assist units of local government, regional
5 planning organizations, and nonprofit organizations
6 in advancing the purposes of the Recreation Area
7 by—

8 (A) carrying out programs and projects
9 that recognize, protect, and enhance important
10 resource values within the Recreation Area;

11 (B) establishing and maintaining interpre-
12 tive exhibits and programs within the Recre-
13 ation Area;

14 (C) developing recreational and educational
15 opportunities in the Recreation Area in accord-
16 ance with the purposes of this title;

17 (D) increasing public awareness of, and
18 appreciation for, natural, historic, scenic, and
19 cultural resources of the Recreation Area;

20 (E) ensuring that signs identifying points
21 of public access and sites of interest are posted
22 throughout the Recreation Area;

23 (F) promoting a wide range of partner-
24 ships among governments, organizations, and

1 individuals to advance the purposes of the
2 Recreation Area; and

3 (G) ensuring that management of the
4 Recreation Area takes into consideration—

5 (i) local ordinances and land-use
6 plans; and

7 (ii) adjacent residents and property
8 owners;

9 (4) make recommendations to the Secretary re-
10 garding the appointment of members to the Advisory
11 Council; and

12 (5) carry out any other actions necessary to
13 achieve the purposes of this title.

14 (e) AUTHORITIES.—Subject to approval by the Sec-
15 retary, for the purposes of preparing and implementing
16 the management plan, the Partnership may use Federal
17 funds made available under this section—

18 (1) to make grants to the State, political sub-
19 divisions of the State, nonprofit organizations, and
20 other persons;

21 (2) to enter into cooperative agreements with,
22 or provide grants or technical assistance to, the
23 State, political subdivisions of the State, nonprofit
24 organizations, Federal agencies, and other interested
25 parties;

1 (3) to hire and compensate staff;

2 (4) to obtain funds or services from any source,
3 including funds and services provided under any
4 other Federal law or program;

5 (5) to contract for goods or services; and

6 (6) to support activities of partners and any
7 other activities that—

8 (A) advance the purposes of the Recreation
9 Area; and

10 (B) are in accordance with the manage-
11 ment plan.

12 (f) TERMS OF OFFICE; REAPPOINTMENT; VACAN-
13 CIES.—

14 (1) TERMS.—A member of the Partnership
15 shall be appointed for a term of 3 years.

16 (2) REAPPOINTMENT.—A member may be re-
17 appointed to serve on the Partnership on the expira-
18 tion of the term of service of the member.

19 (3) VACANCY.—A vacancy on the Partnership
20 shall be filled in the same manner in which the origi-
21 nal appointment was made.

22 (g) QUORUM.—A quorum shall be eleven members of
23 the Partnership. The operations of the Partnership shall
24 not be impaired by the fact that a member has not yet
25 been appointed as long as a quorum has been attained.

1 (h) CHAIRPERSON; PROCEDURES.—The Partnership
2 shall elect a chairperson and establish such rules and pro-
3 cedures as it deems necessary or desirable.

4 (i) SERVICE WITHOUT COMPENSATION.—A member
5 of the Partnership shall serve without compensation.

6 (j) DUTIES AND AUTHORITIES OF SECRETARY.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall convene
8 the Partnership on a regular basis to carry out this
9 title.

10 (2) TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.—
11 The Secretary may provide to the Partnership or
12 any member of the Partnership, on a reimbursable
13 or nonreimbursable basis, such technical and finan-
14 cial assistance as the Secretary determines to be ap-
15 propriate to carry out this title.

16 (3) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—The Sec-
17 retary may enter into a cooperative agreement with
18 the Partnership, a member of the Partnership, or
19 any other public or private entity to provide tech-
20 nical, financial, or other assistance to carry out this
21 title.

22 (4) CONSTRUCTION OF FACILITIES ON NON-
23 FEDERAL LAND.—

24 (A) IN GENERAL.—In order to facilitate
25 the administration of the Recreation Area, the

1 Secretary is authorized, subject to valid existing
2 rights, to construct administrative or visitor use
3 facilities on land owned by a nonprofit organi-
4 zation, local agency, or other public entity in
5 accordance with this Act and applicable law (in-
6 cluding regulations).

7 (B) ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS.—A fa-
8 cility under this paragraph may only be devel-
9 oped—

10 (i) with the consent of the owner of
11 the non-Federal land; and

12 (ii) in accordance with applicable Fed-
13 eral, State, and local laws (including regu-
14 lations) and plans.

15 (5) PRIORITY.—The Secretary shall give pri-
16 ority to actions that—

17 (A) conserve the significant natural, his-
18 toric, cultural, and scenic resources of the
19 Recreation Area; and

20 (B) provide educational, interpretive, and
21 recreational opportunities consistent with the
22 purposes of the Recreation Area.

23 (k) COMMITTEES.—The Partnership shall establish—

1 (1) a Water Technical Advisory Committee to
2 advise the Secretary regarding water-related issues
3 relating to the Recreation Area; and

4 (2) a Public Safety Advisory Committee to ad-
5 vise the Secretary regarding public safety issues re-
6 lating to the Recreation Area.

7 **SEC. 109. VISITOR SERVICES AND FACILITIES.**

8 (a) VISITOR SERVICES.—

9 (1) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this subsection
10 is to facilitate the development of an integrated vis-
11 itor services plan to improve visitor experiences in
12 the Recreation Area through expanded recreational
13 opportunities and increased interpretation, edu-
14 cation, resource protection, and enforcement.

15 (2) VISITOR SERVICES PLAN.—

16 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 3 years
17 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
18 Secretary shall develop and carry out an inte-
19 grated visitor services plan for the Recreation
20 Area in accordance with this paragraph.

21 (B) CONTENTS.—The visitor services plan
22 shall—

23 (i) assess current and anticipated fu-
24 ture visitation to the Recreation Area, in-
25 cluding recreation destinations;

1 (ii) consider the demand for various
2 types of recreation (including hiking, pic-
3 nicking, horseback riding, and the use of
4 motorized and mechanized vehicles), as
5 permissible and appropriate;

6 (iii) evaluate the impacts of recreation
7 on natural and cultural resources, water
8 rights and water resource facilities, public
9 roads, adjacent residents and property
10 owners, and utilities within the Recreation
11 Area, as well as the effectiveness of cur-
12 rent enforcement and efforts;

13 (iv) assess the current level of inter-
14 pretive and educational services and facili-
15 ties;

16 (v) include recommendations to—

17 (I) expand opportunities for high-
18 demand recreational activities, in ac-
19 cordance with the purposes described
20 in section 101;

21 (II) better manage Recreation
22 Area resources and improve the expe-
23 rience of Recreation Area visitors
24 through expanded interpretive and

1 educational services and facilities, and
2 improved enforcement; and

3 (III) better manage Recreation
4 Area resources to reduce negative im-
5 pacts on the environment, ecology,
6 and integrated water management ac-
7 tivities in the Recreation Area;

8 (vi) in coordination and consultation
9 with affected owners of non-Federal land,
10 assess options to incorporate recreational
11 opportunities on non-Federal land into the
12 Recreation Area—

13 (I) in manner consistent with the
14 purposes and uses of the non-Federal
15 land; and

16 (II) with the consent of the non-
17 Federal landowner;

18 (vii) assess opportunities to provide
19 recreational opportunities that connect
20 with adjacent National Forest System
21 land; and

22 (viii) be developed and carried out in
23 accordance with applicable Federal, State,
24 and local laws and ordinances.

1 (C) CONSULTATION.—In developing the
2 visitor services plan, the Secretary shall—

3 (i) consult with—

4 (I) the Partnership;

5 (II) the Advisory Council;

6 (III) appropriate State and local
7 agencies; and

8 (IV) interested nongovernmental
9 organizations; and

10 (ii) involve members of the public.

11 (b) VISITOR USE FACILITIES.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may con-
13 struct visitor use facilities in the Recreation Area.

14 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—Each facility under para-
15 graph (1) shall be developed in accordance with ap-
16 plicable Federal, State, and local—

17 (A) laws (including regulations); and

18 (B) plans.

19 (c) DONATIONS.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may accept
21 and use donated funds, property, in-kind contribu-
22 tions, and services to carry out this title.

23 (2) PROHIBITION.—The Secretary may not use
24 the authority provided by paragraph (1) to accept
25 non-Federal land that has been acquired after the

1 date of the enactment of this Act through the use
2 of eminent domain.

3 (d) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—In carrying out
4 this title, the Secretary may make grants to, or enter into
5 cooperative agreements with, units of State, Tribal, and
6 local governments and private entities to conduct research,
7 develop scientific analyses, and carry out any other initia-
8 tive relating to the management of, and visitation to, the
9 Recreation Area.

10 **TITLE II—SAN GABRIEL** 11 **MOUNTAINS**

12 **SEC. 201. DEFINITIONS.**

13 In this title:

14 (1) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
15 the Secretary of Agriculture.

16 (2) WILDERNESS AREA OR ADDITION.—The
17 term “wilderness area or addition” means any wil-
18 derness area or wilderness addition designated by
19 section 203(a).

20 **SEC. 202. NATIONAL MONUMENT BOUNDARY MODIFICA-** 21 **TION.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall modify the
23 boundaries of the San Gabriel Mountains National Monu-
24 ment in the State to include the approximately 109,167
25 acres of additional National Forest System land depicted

1 as the “Proposed San Gabriel Mountains National Monu-
2 ment Expansion” on the map entitled “Proposed San Ga-
3 briel Mountains National Monument Expansion” and
4 dated June 26, 2019.

5 (b) ADMINISTRATION.—On inclusion of the National
6 Forest System land described in subsection (a), the Sec-
7 retary shall administer that land as part of the San Ga-
8 briel Mountains National Monument in accordance with
9 the laws generally applicable to the Monument and this
10 Act.

11 (c) MANAGEMENT PLAN.—Not later than 3 years
12 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
13 shall consult with State and local governments and the
14 interested public to update the existing San Gabriel Moun-
15 tains National Monument Plan to incorporate and provide
16 management direction and protection for the lands added
17 to the Monument.

18 **SEC. 203. DESIGNATION OF WILDERNESS AREAS AND ADDI-**
19 **TIONS.**

20 (a) DESIGNATION.—In accordance with the Wilder-
21 ness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.), the following parcels
22 of National Forest System land in the State are des-
23 ignated as wilderness and as components of the National
24 Wilderness Preservation System:

1 (1) CONDOR PEAK WILDERNESS.—Certain Fed-
2 eral land in the Angeles National Forest, comprising
3 approximately 8,207 acres, as generally depicted on
4 the map entitled “Condor Peak Wilderness—Pro-
5 posed” and dated June 6, 2019, which shall be
6 known as the “Condor Peak Wilderness”.

7 (2) SAN GABRIEL WILDERNESS ADDITIONS.—
8 Certain Federal land in the Angeles National Forest,
9 comprising approximately 2,032 acres, as generally
10 depicted on the map entitled “San Gabriel Wilder-
11 ness Additions” and dated June 6, 2019, which is
12 incorporated in, and considered to be a part of, the
13 San Gabriel Wilderness designated by Public Law
14 90–318 (16 U.S.C. 1132 note; 82 Stat. 131).

15 (3) SHEEP MOUNTAIN WILDERNESS ADDI-
16 TIONS.—Certain Federal land in the Angeles Na-
17 tional Forest, comprising approximately 13,726
18 acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled
19 “Sheep Mountain Wilderness Additions” and dated
20 June 6, 2019, which is incorporated in, and consid-
21 ered to be a part of, the Sheep Mountain Wilderness
22 designated by section 101(a)(29) of the California
23 Wilderness Act of 1984 (16 U.S.C. 1132 note; 98
24 Stat. 1623; Public Law 98–425).

1 (4) YERBA BUENA WILDERNESS.—Certain Fed-
2 eral land in the Angeles National Forest, comprising
3 approximately 6,694 acres, as generally depicted on
4 the map entitled “Yerba Buena Wilderness—Pro-
5 posed” and dated June 6, 2019, which shall be
6 known as the “Yerba Buena Wilderness”.

7 (b) MAP AND LEGAL DESCRIPTION.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable after
9 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
10 shall file a map and a legal description of the wilder-
11 ness areas and additions with—

12 (A) the Committee on Energy and Natural
13 Resources of the Senate; and

14 (B) the Committee on Natural Resources
15 of the House of Representatives.

16 (2) FORCE OF LAW.—The map and legal de-
17 scription filed under paragraph (1) shall have the
18 same force and effect as if included in this title, ex-
19 cept that the Secretary may correct any clerical or
20 typographical error in the map or legal description.

21 (3) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The map and legal
22 description filed under paragraph (1) shall be on file
23 and available for public inspection in the appropriate
24 offices of the Forest Service.

1 **SEC. 204. ADMINISTRATION OF WILDERNESS AREAS AND**
2 **ADDITIONS.**

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Subject to valid existing rights,
4 the wilderness areas and additions shall be administered
5 by the Secretary in accordance with this section and the
6 Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.), except that any
7 reference in that Act to the effective date of that Act shall
8 be considered to be a reference to the date of the enact-
9 ment of this Act.

10 (b) **FIRE MANAGEMENT AND RELATED ACTIVI-**
11 **TIES.**—

12 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary may take
13 such measures in a wilderness area or addition des-
14 ignated in section 203 as are necessary for the con-
15 trol of fire, insects, or diseases in accordance with—

16 (A) section 4(d)(1) of the Wilderness Act
17 (16 U.S.C. 1133(d)(1)); and

18 (B) House Report 98–40 of the 98th Con-
19 gress.

20 (2) **FUNDING PRIORITIES.**—Nothing in this title
21 limits funding for fire or fuels management in a wil-
22 derness area or addition.

23 (3) **REVISION AND DEVELOPMENT OF LOCAL**
24 **FIRE MANAGEMENT PLANS.**—As soon as practicable
25 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
26 retary shall amend, as applicable, any local fire man-

1 agement plan that applies to a wilderness area or
2 addition designated in section 203.

3 (4) ADMINISTRATION.—In accordance with
4 paragraph (1) and any other applicable Federal law,
5 to ensure a timely and efficient response to a fire
6 emergency in a wilderness area or addition, the Sec-
7 retary shall—

8 (A) not later than 1 year after the date of
9 the enactment of this Act, establish agency ap-
10 proval procedures (including appropriate delega-
11 tions of authority to the Forest Supervisor, Dis-
12 trict Manager, or other agency officials) for re-
13 sponding to fire emergencies; and

14 (B) enter into agreements with appropriate
15 State or local firefighting agencies.

16 (c) GRAZING.—The grazing of livestock in a wilder-
17 ness area or addition, if established before the date of the
18 enactment of this Act, shall be administered in accordance
19 with—

20 (1) section 4(d)(4) of the Wilderness Act (16
21 U.S.C. 1133(d)(4)); and

22 (2) the guidelines contained in Appendix A of
23 the report of the Committee on Interior and Insular
24 Affairs of the House of Representatives accom-

1 panying H.R. 2570 of the 101st Congress (H. Rept.
2 101–405).

3 (d) FISH AND WILDLIFE.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—In accordance with section
5 4(d)(7) of the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C.
6 1133(d)(7)), nothing in this title affects the jurisdic-
7 tion or responsibility of the State with respect to
8 fish or wildlife on public land in the State.

9 (2) MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES.—

10 (A) IN GENERAL.—In furtherance of the
11 purposes and principles of the Wilderness Act
12 (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.), the Secretary may
13 conduct any management activities that are
14 necessary to maintain or restore fish or wildlife
15 populations or habitats in the wilderness areas
16 and wilderness additions designated in section
17 203, if the management activities are—

18 (i) consistent with relevant wilderness
19 management plans; and

20 (ii) conducted in accordance with ap-
21 propriate policies, such as the policies es-
22 tablished in Appendix B of the report of
23 the Committee on Interior and Insular Af-
24 fairs of the House of Representatives ac-

1 accompanying H.R. 2570 of the 101st Con-
2 gress (H. Rept. 101–405).

3 (B) INCLUSIONS.—A management activity
4 under subparagraph (A) may include the occa-
5 sional and temporary use of motorized vehicles,
6 if the use, as determined by the Secretary,
7 would promote healthy, viable, and more natu-
8 rally distributed wildlife populations that would
9 enhance wilderness values while causing the
10 minimum impact necessary to accomplish those
11 tasks.

12 (C) EXISTING ACTIVITIES.—In accordance
13 with section 4(d)(1) of the Wilderness Act (16
14 U.S.C. 1133(d)(1)) and appropriate policies
15 (such as the policies established in Appendix B
16 of House Report 101–405), the State may use
17 aircraft (including helicopters) in a wilderness
18 area or addition to survey, capture, transplant,
19 monitor, or provide water for a wildlife popu-
20 lation, including bighorn sheep.

21 (e) BUFFER ZONES.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—Congress does not intend for
23 the designation of wilderness areas or wilderness ad-
24 ditions by section 203 to lead to the creation of pro-

1 tective perimeters or buffer zones around each wil-
2 derness area or wilderness addition.

3 (2) ACTIVITIES OR USES UP TO BOUNDARIES.—

4 The fact that nonwilderness activities or uses can be
5 seen or heard from within a wilderness area or wil-
6 derness addition designated by section 203 shall not,
7 of itself, preclude the activities or uses up to the
8 boundary of the wilderness area or addition.

9 (f) MILITARY ACTIVITIES.—Nothing in this Act pre-
10 cludes—

11 (1) low-level overflights of military aircraft over
12 the wilderness areas or wilderness additions des-
13 igned by section 203;

14 (2) the designation of new units of special air-
15 space over the wilderness areas or wilderness addi-
16 tions designated by section 203; or

17 (3) the use or establishment of military flight
18 training routes over wilderness areas or wilderness
19 additions designated by section 203.

20 (g) HORSES.—Nothing in this title precludes horse-
21 back riding in, or the entry of recreational or commercial
22 saddle or pack stock into, an area designated as a wilder-
23 ness area or wilderness addition by section 203—

24 (1) in accordance with section 4(d)(5) of the
25 Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1133(d)(5)); and

1 (2) subject to such terms and conditions as the
2 Secretary determines to be necessary.

3 (h) LAW ENFORCEMENT.—Nothing in this title pre-
4 cludes any law enforcement or drug interdiction effort
5 within the wilderness areas or wilderness additions des-
6 ignated by section 203 in accordance with the Wilderness
7 Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.).

8 (i) WITHDRAWAL.—Subject to valid existing rights,
9 the wilderness areas and additions designated by section
10 203 are withdrawn from—

11 (1) all forms of entry, appropriation, and dis-
12 posal under the public land laws;

13 (2) location, entry, and patent under the mining
14 laws; and

15 (3) operation of the mineral materials and geo-
16 thermal leasing laws.

17 (j) INCORPORATION OF ACQUIRED LAND AND INTER-
18 ESTS.—Any land within the boundary of a wilderness area
19 or addition that is acquired by the United States shall—

20 (1) become part of the wilderness area or addi-
21 tion in which the land is located; and

22 (2) be managed in accordance with this section,
23 the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.), and
24 any other applicable laws (including regulations).

1 (k) CLIMATOLOGICAL DATA COLLECTION.—In ac-
2 cordance with the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.)
3 and subject to such terms and conditions as the Secretary
4 may prescribe, the Secretary may authorize the installa-
5 tion and maintenance of hydrologic, meteorologic, or cli-
6 matological collection devices in a wilderness area or addi-
7 tion if the Secretary determines that the facilities and ac-
8 cess to the facilities is essential to a flood warning, flood
9 control, or water reservoir operation activity.

10 (l) AUTHORIZED EVENTS.—The Secretary of Agri-
11 culture may authorize the Angeles Crest 100 competitive
12 running event to continue in substantially the same man-
13 ner and degree in which this event was operated and per-
14 mitted in 2015 within additions to the Sheep Mountain
15 Wilderness in section 203 of this Act and the Pleasant
16 View Ridge Wilderness Area designated by section 1802
17 of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009,
18 provided that the event is authorized and conducted in a
19 manner compatible with the preservation of the areas as
20 wilderness.

21 **SEC. 205. DESIGNATION OF WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS.**

22 (a) DESIGNATION.—Section 3(a) of the Wild and
23 Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1274(a)) is amended by add-
24 ing at the end the following:

1 “(____) EAST FORK SAN GABRIEL RIVER, CALI-
2 FORNIA.—The following segments of the East Fork
3 San Gabriel River, to be administered by the Sec-
4 retary of Agriculture in the following classes:

5 “(A) The 10-mile segment from the con-
6 fluence of the Prairie Fork and Vincent Gulch
7 to 100 yards upstream of the Heaton Flats
8 trailhead and day use area, as a wild river.

9 “(B) The 2.7-mile segment from 100 yards
10 upstream of the Heaton Flats trailhead and day
11 use area to 100 yards upstream of the con-
12 fluence with Williams Canyon, as a recreational
13 river.

14 “(____) NORTH FORK SAN GABRIEL RIVER,
15 CALIFORNIA.—The 4.3-mile segment of the North
16 Fork San Gabriel River from the confluence with
17 Cloudburst Canyon to 0.25 miles upstream of the
18 confluence with the West Fork San Gabriel River, to
19 be administered by the Secretary of Agriculture as
20 a recreational river.

21 “(____) WEST FORK SAN GABRIEL RIVER, CALI-
22 FORNIA.—The following segments of the West Fork
23 San Gabriel River, to be administered by the Sec-
24 retary of Agriculture in the following classes:

1 “(A) The 6.7-mile segment from 0.25
2 miles downstream of its source near Red Box
3 Gap in sec. 14, T. 2 N., R. 12 W., to the con-
4 fluence with the unnamed tributary 0.25 miles
5 downstream of the power lines in sec. 22, T. 2
6 N., R. 11 W., as a recreational river.

7 “(B) The 1.6-mile segment of the West
8 Fork from 0.25 miles downstream of the
9 powerlines in sec. 22, T. 2 N., R. 11 W., to the
10 confluence with Bobcat Canyon, as a wild river.

11 “(____) LITTLE ROCK CREEK, CALIFORNIA.—
12 The following segments of Little Rock Creek and
13 tributaries, to be administered by the Secretary of
14 Agriculture in the following classes:

15 “(A) The 10.3-mile segment from its
16 source on Mt. Williamson in sec. 6, T. 3 N., R.
17 9 W., to 100 yards upstream of the confluence
18 with the South Fork Little Rock Creek, as a
19 wild river.

20 “(B) The 6.6-mile segment from 100 yards
21 upstream of the confluence with the South Fork
22 Little Rock Creek to the confluence with
23 Santiago Canyon, as a recreational river.

24 “(C) The 1-mile segment of Cooper Can-
25 yon Creek from 0.25 miles downstream of

1 Highway 2 to 100 yards downstream of Cooper
2 Canyon Campground, as a scenic river.

3 “(D) The 1.3-mile segment of Cooper Can-
4 yon Creek from 100 yards downstream of Co-
5 per Canyon Campground to the confluence with
6 Little Rock Creek, as a wild river.

7 “(E) The 1-mile segment of Buckhorn
8 Creek from 100 yards downstream of the
9 Buckhorn Campground to its confluence with
10 Cooper Canyon Creek, as a wild river.”.

11 (b) WATER RESOURCE FACILITIES; AND WATER
12 USE.—

13 (1) WATER RESOURCE FACILITIES.—

14 (A) DEFINITION.—In this section, the
15 term “water resource facility” means irrigation
16 and pumping facilities, dams and reservoirs,
17 flood control facilities, water conservation works
18 and facilities, including debris protection facili-
19 ties, sediment placement sites, rain gauges and
20 stream gauges, water quality facilities, recycled
21 water facilities and water pumping, conveyance
22 distribution systems, water storage tanks and
23 reservoirs, and water treatment facilities, aque-
24 ducts, canals, ditches, pipelines, wells, hydro-
25 power projects, and transmission and other an-

1 cillary facilities, groundwater recharge facilities,
2 water conservation, water filtration plants, and
3 other water diversion, conservation, ground-
4 water recharge, storage, and carriage struc-
5 tures.

6 (B) NO EFFECT ON EXISTING WATER RE-
7 SOURCE FACILITIES.—Nothing in this section
8 shall alter, modify, or affect—

9 (i) the use, operation, maintenance,
10 repair, construction, destruction, reconfig-
11 uration, expansion, relocation or replace-
12 ment of a water resource facility down-
13 stream of a wild and scenic river segment
14 designated by this section, provided that
15 the physical structures of such facilities or
16 reservoirs shall not be located within the
17 river areas designated in this section; or

18 (ii) access to a water resource facility
19 downstream of a wild and scenic river seg-
20 ment designated by this section.

21 (C) NO EFFECT ON NEW WATER RE-
22 SOURCE FACILITIES.—Nothing in this section
23 shall preclude the establishment of a new water
24 resource facilities (including instream sites,

1 routes, and areas) downstream of a wild and
2 scenic river segment.

3 (2) LIMITATION.—Any new reservation of water
4 or new use of water pursuant to existing water
5 rights held by the United States to advance the pur-
6 poses of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers Act
7 (16 U.S.C. 1271 et seq.) shall be for nonconsump-
8 tive instream use only within the segments des-
9 ignated by this section.

10 (3) EXISTING LAW.—Nothing in this section af-
11 fects the implementation of the Endangered Species
12 Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.).

13 **SEC. 206. WATER RIGHTS.**

14 (a) STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this
15 Act, and no action to implement this Act—

16 (1) shall constitute an express or implied res-
17 ervation of any water or water right, or authorizing
18 an expansion of water use pursuant to existing water
19 rights held by the United States, with respect to the
20 land designated as a wilderness area or wilderness
21 addition by section 203 or land adjacent to the wild
22 and scenic river segments designated by the amend-
23 ment made by section 205;

24 (2) shall affect, alter, modify, or condition any
25 water rights in the State in existence on the date of

1 the enactment of this Act, including any water
2 rights held by the United States;

3 (3) shall be construed as establishing a prece-
4 dent with regard to any future wilderness or wild
5 and scenic river designations;

6 (4) shall affect, alter, or modify the interpreta-
7 tion of, or any designation, decision, adjudication or
8 action made pursuant to, any other Act; or

9 (5) shall be construed as limiting, altering,
10 modifying, or amending any of the interstate com-
11 pacts or equitable apportionment decrees that appor-
12 tions water among or between the State and any
13 other State.

14 (b) STATE WATER LAW.—The Secretary shall com-
15 ply with applicable procedural and substantive require-
16 ments of the law of the State in order to obtain and hold
17 any water rights not in existence on the date of the enact-
18 ment of this Act with respect to the San Gabriel Moun-
19 tains National Monument, wilderness areas and wilderness
20 additions designated by section 203, and the wild and sce-
21 nic rivers designated by amendment made by section 205.

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117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1075

To adjust the boundary of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area to include the Rim of the Valley Corridor, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 15, 2021

Mr. SCHIFF introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

To adjust the boundary of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area to include the Rim of the Valley Corridor, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Rim of the Valley Cor-
5 ridor Preservation Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds as follows:

8 (1) The Santa Monica Mountains National
9 Recreation Area was authorized as a unit of the Na-
10 tional Park System on November 10, 1978.

1 (2) The Santa Monica Mountains and the Rim
2 of the Valley Corridor include—

3 (A) nationally significant resources—

4 (i) outstanding examples of geologic
5 history, including the evolution of the
6 Transverse Ranges Province;

7 (ii) a diversity of well-preserved ma-
8 rine and terrestrial paleontological re-
9 sources; and

10 (iii) high biodiversity, including out-
11 standing examples of native grasslands,
12 coastal sage scrub, chaparral, dry conif-
13 erous forests, and alluvian fan sage scrub;
14 and

15 (B) nationally significant cultural re-
16 sources that represent a wide range of themes
17 related to human use and settlement in the re-
18 gion—

19 (i) high concentrations of archeo-
20 logical resources that provide insight into
21 more than 10,000 years of Native Amer-
22 ican history; and

23 (ii) landmarks that represent topics
24 such as architecture, recreation, and space
25 exploration.

1 (3) Expanding the Santa Monica Mountains
2 National Recreation Area would provide new oppor-
3 tunities for the National Park Service to serve a
4 broad range of urban communities, including many
5 that are underrepresented in national parks and un-
6 derserved by State and local parks.

7 **SEC. 3. BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT; LAND ACQUISITION; AD-**
8 **MINISTRATION.**

9 (a) BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT.—Section 507(c)(1) of
10 the National Parks and Recreation Act of 1978 (16
11 U.S.C. 460kk(c)(1)) is amended in the first sentence by
12 striking “, which shall” and inserting “ and generally de-
13 picted as ‘Rim of the Valley Unit Proposed Addition’ on
14 the map entitled ‘Rim of the Valley Unit—Santa Monica
15 Mountains National Recreation Area’, numbered 638/
16 147,723, and dated September 2018. Both maps shall”.

17 (b) RIM OF THE VALLEY UNIT.—Section 507 of the
18 National Parks and Recreation Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C.
19 460kk) is amended by adding at the end the following:

20 “(u) RIM OF THE VALLEY UNIT.—(1) Not later than
21 3 years after the date of the enactment of this subsection,
22 the Secretary shall update the general management plan
23 for the recreation area to reflect the boundaries designated
24 on the map referred to in subsection (c)(1) as the ‘Rim
25 of the Valley Unit’ (hereafter in the subsection referred

1 to as the ‘Rim of the Valley Unit’). Subject to valid exist-
2 ing rights, the Secretary shall administer the Rim of the
3 Valley Unit, and any land or interest in land acquired by
4 the United States and located within the boundaries of
5 the Rim of the Valley Unit, as part of the recreation area
6 in accordance with the provisions of this section and appli-
7 cable laws and regulations.

8 “(2) The Secretary may acquire non-Federal land
9 within the boundaries of the Rim of the Valley Unit only
10 through exchange, donation, or purchase from a willing
11 seller. Nothing in this subsection authorizes the use of
12 eminent domain to acquire land or interests in land.

13 “(3) Nothing in this subsection or the application of
14 the management plan for the Rim of the Valley Unit shall
15 be construed to—

16 “(A) modify any provision of Federal, State, or
17 local law with respect to public access to or use of
18 non-Federal land;

19 “(B) create any liability, or affect any liability
20 under any other law, of any private property owner
21 or other owner of non-Federal land with respect to
22 any person injured on private property or other non-
23 Federal land;

1 “(C) affect the ownership, management, or
2 other rights relating to any non-Federal land (in-
3 cluding any interest in any non-Federal land);

4 “(D) require any local government to partici-
5 pate in any program administered by the Secretary;

6 “(E) alter, modify, or diminish any right, re-
7 sponsibility, power, authority, jurisdiction, or entitle-
8 ment of the State, any political subdivision of the
9 State, or any State or local agency under existing
10 Federal, State, and local law (including regulations);

11 “(F) require the creation of protective perim-
12 eters or buffer zones, and the fact that certain ac-
13 tivities or land can be seen or heard from within the
14 Rim of the Valley Unit shall not, of itself, preclude
15 the activities or land uses up to the boundary of the
16 Rim of the Valley Unit;

17 “(G) require or promote use of, or encourage
18 trespass on, lands, facilities, and rights-of-way
19 owned by non-Federal entities, including water re-
20 source facilities and public utilities, without the writ-
21 ten consent of the owner;

22 “(H) affect the operation, maintenance, modi-
23 fication, construction, or expansion of any water re-
24 source facility or utility facility located within or ad-
25 jacent to the Rim of the Valley Unit;

1 “(I) terminate the fee title to lands or cus-
2 tomary operation, maintenance, repair, and replace-
3 ment activities on or under such lands granted to
4 public agencies that are authorized pursuant to Fed-
5 eral or State statute;

6 “(J) interfere with, obstruct, hinder, or delay
7 the exercise of any right to, or access to any water
8 resource facility or other facility or property nec-
9 essary or useful to access any water right to operate
10 any public water or utility system;

11 “(K) require initiation or reinitiation of con-
12 sultation with the United States Fish and Wildlife
13 Service under, or the application of provisions of, the
14 Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et
15 seq.), the National Environmental Policy Act of
16 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), or division A of sub-
17 title III of title 54, United States Code, concerning
18 any action or activity affecting water, water rights
19 or water management or water resource facilities
20 within the Rim of the Valley Unit; or

21 “(L) limit the Secretary’s ability to update ap-
22 plicable fire management plans, which may consider
23 fuels management strategies including managed nat-
24 ural fire, prescribed fires, non-fire mechanical haz-

1 arduous fuel reduction activities, or post-fire remedi-
2 ation of damage to natural and cultural resources.

3 “(4) The activities of a utility facility or water re-
4 source facility shall take into consideration ways to rea-
5 sonably avoid or reduce the impact on the resources of
6 the Rim of the Valley Unit.

7 “(5) For the purpose of paragraph (4)—

8 “(A) the term ‘utility facility’ means electric
9 substations, communication facilities, towers, poles,
10 and lines, ground wires, communications circuits,
11 and other structures, and related infrastructure; and

12 “(B) the term ‘water resource facility’ means
13 irrigation and pumping facilities; dams and res-
14 ervoirs; flood control facilities; water conservation
15 works, including debris protection facilities, sediment
16 placement sites, rain gauges, and stream gauges;
17 water quality, recycled water, and pumping facilities;
18 conveyance distribution systems; water treatment fa-
19 cilities; aqueducts; canals; ditches; pipelines; wells;
20 hydropower projects; transmission facilities; and
21 other ancillary facilities, groundwater recharge facili-
22 ties, water conservation, water filtration plants, and
23 other water diversion, conservation, groundwater re-
24 charge, storage, and carriage structures.”.

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117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1769

To adjust the boundary of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area to include the Rim of the Valley Corridor, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 20, 2021

Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. PADILLA) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

To adjust the boundary of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area to include the Rim of the Valley Corridor, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Rim of the Valley Cor-
5 ridor Preservation Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds that—

1 (1) the Santa Monica Mountains National
2 Recreation Area was authorized as a unit of the Na-
3 tional Park System on November 10, 1978;

4 (2) the Santa Monica Mountains and the Rim
5 of the Valley Corridor include—

6 (A) nationally significant resources, includ-
7 ing—

8 (i) outstanding examples of geologic
9 history, including the evolution of the
10 Transverse Ranges Province;

11 (ii) a diversity of well-preserved ma-
12 rine and terrestrial paleontological re-
13 sources; and

14 (iii) high biodiversity, including out-
15 standing examples of native grasslands,
16 coastal sage scrub, chaparral, dry conif-
17 erous forests, and alluvian fan sage scrub;
18 and

19 (B) nationally significant cultural re-
20 sources that represent a wide range of themes
21 relating to human use and settlement in the re-
22 gion, including—

23 (i) high concentrations of archeo-
24 logical resources that provide insight into

1 more than 10,000 years of Tribal history;

2 and

3 (ii) landmarks that represent topics

4 such as architecture, recreation, and space

5 exploration; and

6 (3) expanding the Santa Monica Mountains Na-

7 tional Recreation Area would provide new opportuni-

8 ties for the National Park Service to serve a broad

9 range of urban communities, including many com-

10 munities that are—

11 (A) underrepresented in units of the Na-

12 tional Park System; and

13 (B) underserved by State and local parks.

14 **SEC. 3. BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT; LAND ACQUISITION; AD-**

15 **MINISTRATION.**

16 (a) BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT.—Section 507(c)(1) of

17 the National Parks and Recreation Act of 1978 (16

18 U.S.C. 460kk(c)(1)) is amended, in the first sentence, by

19 striking “‘Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation

20 Area and Santa Monica Mountains Zone, California,

21 Boundary Map’, numbered 80,047–C and dated August

22 2001” and inserting “‘Rim of the Valley Unit—Santa

23 Monica Mountains National Recreation Area’ and dated

24 October 2017”.

1 (b) RIM OF THE VALLEY UNIT.—Section 507 of the
 2 National Parks and Recreation Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C.
 3 460kk) is amended by adding at the end the following:

4 “(u) RIM OF THE VALLEY UNIT.—

5 “(1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

6 “(A) STATE.—The term ‘State’ means the
 7 State of California.

8 “(B) UNIT.—The term ‘Unit’ means the
 9 Rim of the Valley Unit included within the
 10 boundaries of the recreation area, as depicted
 11 on the map described in subsection (c)(1).

12 “(C) UTILITY FACILITY.—The term ‘utility
 13 facility’ means—

14 “(i) electric substations, communica-
 15 tion facilities, towers, poles, and lines;

16 “(ii) ground wires;

17 “(iii) communications circuits;

18 “(iv) other utility structures; and

19 “(v) related infrastructure.

20 “(D) WATER RESOURCE FACILITY.—The
 21 term ‘water resource facility’ means—

22 “(i) irrigation and pumping facilities;

23 “(ii) dams and reservoirs;

24 “(iii) flood control facilities;

1 “(iv) water conservation works, in-
2 cluding debris protection facilities, sedi-
3 ment placement sites, rain gauges, and
4 stream gauges;

5 “(v) water quality, recycled water, and
6 pumping facilities;

7 “(vi) conveyance distribution systems;

8 “(vii) water treatment facilities;

9 “(viii) aqueducts;

10 “(ix) canals;

11 “(x) ditches;

12 “(xi) pipelines;

13 “(xii) wells;

14 “(xiii) hydropower projects;

15 “(xiv) transmission facilities; and

16 “(xv) other ancillary facilities, ground-
17 water recharge facilities, water conserva-
18 tion, water filtration plants, and other
19 water diversion, conservation, groundwater
20 recharge, storage, and carriage structures.

21 “(2) BOUNDARIES.—Not later than 3 years
22 after the date of enactment of this subsection, the
23 Secretary shall update the general management plan
24 for the recreation area developed under subsection
25 (t) to reflect the boundaries designated on the map

1 referred to in subsection (c)(1) to include the area
2 known as the ‘Rim of the Valley Unit’.

3 “(3) ADMINISTRATION.—Subject to valid exist-
4 ing rights, the Secretary shall administer the Unit
5 and any land or interest in land acquired by the
6 United States located within the boundaries of the
7 Unit—

8 “(A) as part of the recreation area; and

9 “(B) in accordance with—

10 “(i) this section; and

11 “(ii) applicable laws (including regula-
12 tions).

13 “(4) ACQUISITION OF LAND.—

14 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may
15 acquire non-Federal land within the boundaries
16 of the Unit only through exchange, donation, or
17 purchase from a willing seller.

18 “(B) USE OF EMINENT DOMAIN.—Nothing
19 in this subsection authorizes the use of eminent
20 domain to acquire land or interests in land
21 within the boundaries of the Unit.

22 “(5) OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES.—The fact that cer-
23 tain activities or land uses can be seen or heard
24 from within the Unit shall not preclude the activities
25 or land uses outside the boundary of the Unit.

1 “(6) EFFECT OF SUBSECTION.—Nothing in this
2 subsection or the application of the applicable man-
3 agement plan to the Unit—

4 “(A) modifies any provision of Federal,
5 State, or local law with respect to public access
6 to, or use of, non-Federal land;

7 “(B) creates any liability, or affects any li-
8 ability under any other law, of any private
9 property owner or other owner of non-Federal
10 land with respect to any person injured on pri-
11 vate property or other non- Federal land;

12 “(C) affects the ownership, management,
13 or other rights relating to any non-Federal land
14 (including any interest in any non-Federal
15 land);

16 “(D) requires any unit of local government
17 to participate in any program administered by
18 the Secretary;

19 “(E) alters, modifies, or diminishes any
20 right, responsibility, power, authority, jurisdic-
21 tion, or entitlement of the State, any political
22 subdivision of the State, or any State or local
23 agency under existing Federal, State, or local
24 law (including regulations);

1 “(F) requires the creation of protective pe-
2 rimeters or buffer zones around the Unit;

3 “(G) requires or promotes the use of, or
4 encourages trespass on, land, facilities, or
5 rights-of-way owned by non-Federal entities, in-
6 cluding water resource facilities and public utili-
7 ties, without the written consent of the owner
8 of the land;

9 “(H) affects the operation, maintenance,
10 modification, construction, or expansion of any
11 water resource facility or utility facility located
12 within or adjacent to the Unit;

13 “(I) terminates the fee title to land, or the
14 customary operation, maintenance, repair, and
15 replacement activities on or under the land,
16 granted to public agencies that are authorized
17 under Federal or State law;

18 “(J) interferes with, obstructs, hinders, or
19 delays the exercise of any right to, or access to
20 any water resource facility or other facility or
21 property necessary or useful to access any
22 water right to operate any public water or util-
23 ity system; or

24 “(K) requires initiation or reinitiation of
25 consultation with the Director of the United

1 States Fish and Wildlife Service under, or the
2 application of provisions of, the Endangered
3 Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.),
4 the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969
5 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), or division A of sub-
6 title III of title 54, United States Code, relating
7 to any action or activity affecting water, water
8 rights, water management, or water resource
9 facilities within the Unit.

10 “(7) UTILITY FACILITIES; WATER RESOURCE
11 FACILITIES.—A utility facility or water resource fa-
12 cility shall conduct activities in a manner that rea-
13 sonably avoids or reduces the impact of the activities
14 on the resources of the Unit.”

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