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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

MARCH 13, 2019

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

DECEMBER 18, 2019

Reported by Ms. MURKOWSKI, with amendments

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A BILL

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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”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds that—

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

6 (2) the Santa Monica Mountains and the Rim
7 of the Valley Corridor include—

8 (A) nationally significant resources, includ-
9 ing—

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

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

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

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

25 (i) high concentrations of archeo-
26 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 **SEC. 2. BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT; LAND ACQUISITION; AD-**
2 **MINISTRATION.**

3 (a) *BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT.*—

4 (1) *MAPS.*—Section 507(c)(1) of the National
5 Parks and Recreation Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C.
6 460kk(c)(1)) is amended, in the first sentence, by
7 striking “and dated August 2001, which shall” and
8 inserting “, and dated August 2001 (referred to in
9 this section as the ‘2001 map’) and the areas gen-
10 erally depicted as the ‘Rim of the Valley Unit Pro-
11 posed Addition’ on the map entitled ‘Rim of the Val-
12 ley Unit, Santa Monica Mountain National Recre-
13 ation Area’, numbered 638/147,723, and dated Sep-
14 tember 2018 (referred to in this section as the ‘2018
15 map’). The 2001 map and the 2018 map shall”.

16 (2) *CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.*—Section 507 of
17 the National Parks and Recreation Act of 1978 (16
18 U.S.C. 460kk) is amended—

19 (A) in subsection (c)(2)(A), in the fourth
20 sentence, by striking “boundary map referred to
21 in paragraph (1)” and inserting “2001 map”;

22 (B) in subsection (n)(1), by striking “map
23 referred to in subsection (c) of this section” and
24 inserting “2001 map”; and

1 (C) in subsection (o), by striking “map re-
 2 ferred to in subsection (c) of this section” and
 3 inserting “2001 map”.

4 (b) RIM OF THE VALLEY UNIT.—Section 507 of the
 5 National Parks and Recreation Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C.
 6 460kk) is amended by adding at the end the following:

7 “(u) RIM OF THE VALLEY UNIT.—

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

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

11 “(B) UNIT.—The term ‘Unit’ means the
 12 Rim of the Valley Unit included within the
 13 boundaries of the recreation area, as depicted
 14 on the ~~map described in subsection (e)(1)~~ 2018
 15 map.

16 “(C) UTILITY FACILITY.—The term ‘utility
 17 facility’ means—

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

20 “(ii) ground wires;

21 “(iii) communications circuits;

22 “(iv) other utility structures; and

23 “(v) related infrastructure.

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

1 “(i) irrigation and pumping facilities;

2 “(ii) dams and reservoirs;

3 “(iii) flood control facilities;

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

8 “(v) water quality, recycled water, and
9 pumping facilities;

10 “(vi) conveyance distribution systems;

11 “(vii) water treatment facilities;

12 “(viii) aqueducts;

13 “(ix) canals;

14 “(x) ditches;

15 “(xi) pipelines;

16 “(xii) wells;

17 “(xiii) hydropower projects;

18 “(xiv) transmission facilities; and

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

24 “(2) BOUNDARIES.—Not later than 3 years
25 after the date of enactment of this subsection, the

1 Secretary shall update the general management plan
 2 for the recreation area developed under subsection
 3 (t) to reflect the boundaries designated on the ~~map~~
 4 ~~referred to in subsection (e)(1)~~ *2018 map* to include
 5 the area known as the ‘Rim of the Valley Unit’.

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

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

12 “(B) in accordance with—

13 “(i) this section; and

14 “(ii) applicable laws (including regula-
 15 tions).

16 “(4) ACQUISITION OF LAND.—

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

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

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

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

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

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

16 “(C) affects the ownership, management,
17 or other rights relating to any non-Federal land
18 (including any interest in any non-Federal
19 land);

20 “(D) requires any unit of local government
21 to participate in any program administered by
22 the Secretary;

23 “(E) alters, modifies, or diminishes any
24 right, responsibility, power, authority, jurisdic-
25 tion, or entitlement of the State, any political

1 subdivision of the State, or any State or local
2 agency under existing Federal, State, or local
3 law (including regulations);

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

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

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

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

21 “(J) interferes with, obstructs, hinders, or
22 delays the exercise of any right to, or access to
23 any water resource facility or other facility or
24 property necessary or useful to access any

1 water right to operate any public water or util-
2 ity system; or

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

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

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