

# **The San Gabriel Mountains Foothills and Rivers Protection Act**

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The San Gabriel Mountains Foothills and Rivers Protection Act would accomplish three goals:

1. Expand the boundaries of the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument to include the Western areas of the Angeles National Forest
2. Establish a National Recreation Area (NRA) along the Foothills and San Gabriel River corridor
3. Establish new wilderness areas and designate Wild and Scenic Rivers

## **San Gabriel Mountains National Monument Expansion**

This legislation would modify the boundaries of the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument to include 109,143 acres of the Angeles National Forest.

## **Establishment of the National Recreation Area**

This legislation would establish the 51,107-acre San Gabriel National Recreation Area (NRA) along the foothill communities and San Gabriel River corridor. The NRA will allow local jurisdictions to partner with the National Park Service to better protect natural resources and provide communities with improved access to nature. The NRA would have NO effect on local municipal control and would NOT impact property rights, water rights, or local zoning.

The Department of Interior would be required to publish a comprehensive management plan for the NRA within three years of enactment.

## **Designation of Wilderness and Wild and Scenic Rivers**

This bill would add 15,878 acres to existing wilderness areas and establish 15,191 acres of new wilderness. These designations will provide the highest federal protection for historic California Condor and Nelson Bighorn Sheep habitats, vital sources of clean water within the San Gabriel River watershed, and some of the most pristine, undeveloped landscapes in the San Gabriel Mountains.

It would also protect 25.3 miles in the forest's largest watershed and a source of clean drinking water for Los Angeles County by designating the East, West, and North Forks of the San Gabriel River as federally protected rivers, and would also protect 20.2 miles of Little Rock Creek, which flows from the San Gabriel Mountains high country to the Mojave Desert.