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H. R. 5881

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

OCTOBER 3, 2023

Mr. SCHIFF (for himself, Ms. BROWNLEY, Mr. GOMEZ, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. LIEU, Ms. CHU, Ms. BARRAGÁN, and Mr. LEVIN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds as follows:

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—

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

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

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

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

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

1 (ii) landmarks that represent topics
2 such as architecture, recreation, and space
3 exploration.

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

10 **SEC. 3. BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT.**

11 (a) BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT.—Section 507(c) of the
12 National Parks and Recreation Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C.
13 460kk(c)) is amended by striking paragraph (1) and in-
14 serting the following:

15 “(1) BOUNDARY.—

16 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The recreation area
17 shall consist of—

18 “(i) the land, water, and interests in
19 land and water generally depicted as the
20 recreation area on the map entitled ‘Santa
21 Monica Mountains National Recreation
22 Area and Santa Monica Mountains Zone,
23 California, Boundary Map’, numbered
24 80,047–C, and dated August 2001; and

1 “(ii) the land, water, and interests in
2 land and water, as generally depicted as
3 ‘Proposed Addition’ on the map entitled
4 ‘Rim of the Valley Unit—Santa Monica
5 Mountains National Recreation Area’,
6 numbered 638/147,723, and dated April
7 2023.

8 “(B) AVAILABILITY OF MAPS.—The maps
9 described in subparagraph (A) shall be on file
10 and available for public inspection in the appro-
11 priate offices of the National Park Service.

12 “(C) REVISIONS.—After advising the Com-
13 mittee on Energy and Natural Resources of the
14 Senate and the Committee on Natural Re-
15 sources of the House of Representatives, in
16 writing, of the proposed revision, the Secretary
17 may make minor revisions to the boundaries of
18 the recreation area by publication of a revised
19 drawing or other boundary description in the
20 Federal Register.”.

21 **SEC. 4. ADMINISTRATION.**

22 Any land or interest in land acquired by the Secretary
23 of the Interior within the Rim of the Valley Unit shall
24 be administered as part of the Santa Monica Mountains
25 National Recreation Area (referred to in this Act as the

1 “National Recreation Area”) in accordance with the laws
2 (including regulations) applicable to the National Recre-
3 ation Area.

4 **SEC. 5. UTILITIES AND WATER RESOURCE FACILITIES.**

5 The addition of the Rim of the Valley Unit to the
6 National Recreation Area shall not affect the operation,
7 maintenance, or modification of water resource facilities
8 or public utilities within the Rim of the Valley Unit, except
9 that any utility or water resource facility activities in the
10 Rim of the Valley Unit shall be conducted in a manner
11 that reasonably avoids or reduces the impact of the activi-
12 ties on resources of the Rim of the Valley Unit.

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