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H. R. 5467

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

JUNE 14, 2016

Mr. SCHIFF (for himself, Mr. BECERRA, Ms. BROWNLEY of California, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Ms. JUDY CHU of California, Mr. TED LIEU of California, and Mr. SHERMAN) 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 a diverse range of na-
6 tionally significant natural and cultural resources.

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

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

15 (a) BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT.—Section 507(c)(1) of
16 the National Parks and Recreation Act of 1978 (16
17 U.S.C. 460kk(c)(1)) is amended by striking “‘Santa
18 Monica Mountains National Recreation Area and Santa
19 Monica Mountains Zone, California, Boundary Map’,
20 numbered 80,047–C and dated August 2001” and insert-
21 ing “‘Rim of the Valley Unit__Santa Monica Mountains
22 National Recreation Area’ and dated June 2016”.

23 (b) RIM OF THE VALLEY UNIT.—Section 507 of the
24 National Parks and Recreation Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C.
25 460kk) is amended by adding at the end the following:

1 “(u) RIM OF THE VALLEY UNIT.—(1) Not later than
2 3 years after the date of the enactment of this subsection,
3 the Secretary shall update the general management plan
4 for the recreation area to reflect the boundaries designated
5 on the map referred to in subsection (c)(1) as the ‘Rim
6 of the Valley Unit’ (hereafter in the subsection referred
7 to as the ‘Rim of the Valley Unit’). Subject to valid exist-
8 ing rights, the Secretary shall administer the Rim of the
9 Valley Unit and any land or interest in land acquired by
10 the United States and located within the boundaries of
11 the Rim of the Valley Unit, as part of the recreation area
12 in accordance with the provisions of this section and appli-
13 cable laws and regulations.

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

19 “(3) The fact that certain activities or land can be
20 seen or heard from within the Rim of the Valley Unit shall
21 not, of itself, preclude the activities or land uses up to
22 the boundary of the Rim of the Valley Unit.

23 “(4) Nothing in this subsection or the application of
24 the management plan for the Rim of the Valley Unit shall
25 be construed to—

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

4 “(B) create any liability, or affect any liability
5 under any other law, of any private property owner
6 or other owner of non-Federal land with respect to
7 any person injured on private property or other non-
8 Federal land;

9 “(C) allow for the creation of protective perim-
10 eters or buffer zones outside of the Rim of the Val-
11 ley Unit;

12 “(D) affect the ownership, management, or
13 other rights relating to any non-Federal land (in-
14 cluding any interest in any non-Federal land);

15 “(E) require any local government to partici-
16 pate in any program administered by the Secretary;

17 “(F) alter, modify, or diminish any right, re-
18 sponsibility, power, authority, jurisdiction, or entitle-
19 ment of the State, any political subdivision of the
20 State, or any State or local agency under existing
21 Federal, State, and local law (including regulations);

22 “(G) require or promote use of, or encourage
23 trespass on, lands, facilities, and rights-of-way
24 owned by non-Federal entities, including water re-

1 source facilities and public utilities, without the writ-
2 ten consent of the owner;

3 “(H) affect the operation, maintenance, modi-
4 fication, construction, or expansion of any water re-
5 source facility or utility facility located within or ad-
6 jacent to the Rim of the Valley Unit;

7 “(I) terminate the fee title to lands or cus-
8 tomary operation, maintenance, repair, and replace-
9 ment activities on or under such lands granted to
10 public agencies that are authorized pursuant to Fed-
11 eral or State statute;

12 “(J) interfere with, obstruct, hinder, or delay
13 the exercise of any right to, or access to any water
14 resource facility or other facility or property nec-
15 essary or useful to access any water right to operate
16 any public water or utility system; or

17 “(K) require initiation or reinitiation of con-
18 sultation with the United States Fish and Wildlife
19 Service under, or the application of provisions of, the
20 Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et
21 seq.), the National Environmental Policy Act of
22 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), or division A of sub-
23 title III of title 54, United States Code, concerning
24 any action or activity affecting water, water rights

1 or water management or water resource facilities
2 within the Rim of the Valley Unit.

3 “(5) The activities of a utility facility or water re-
4 source facility shall be conducted in a manner to reason-
5 ably avoid or reduce the impact on the resources of the
6 Rim of the Valley Unit.

7 “(6) For the purposes of paragraphs (4) and (5)—

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 gages, 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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