

# TITLE IV: SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS FOOTHILLS AND RIVERS PROTECTION ACT (CHU – H.R. 2215)

Supports Access to Public Lands for Park-Poor Communities and Protects Clean Water in Los Angeles County

## Summary of the San Gabriel Mountains Foothills and Rivers Protection Act

Title IV would expand the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument, establish a new National Recreation Area, and protect approximately 30,659 acres as wilderness areas and 45.5 miles of river in Southern California. The protections proposed by Title IV are based on a completed feasibility study that supported the creation of the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument in 2014. These designations will improve the ecological connectivity of the San Gabriel Watershed; increase public lands access for one of the country's most park-poor regions; and safeguard clean drinking water supplies and water infrastructure for Los Angeles County.

# **Title IV would:**

- Expand the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument by approximately 109,167 acres.
- Establish the approximately 49,387-acre San Gabriel National Recreation Area along with a series of trails and green spaces.
- Designate approximately 30,659 acres as new or expanded wilderness areas.
- Add approximately 45.5 miles to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.
- > Improve connectivity, promote access, and protect clean water in Southern California.

## **List of Supporters and Endorsing Organizations**

Conservation and Outdoor Recreation Organizations (25) including: The Nature Conservancy; Latino Outdoors; Green Latinos; Coalition for Clean Air; Backcountry Hunters and Anglers, California Chapter; California Wilderness Coalition (CalWild); Outdoor Alliance; The Conservation Alliance; Outdoor Industry Association; The Pew Charitable Trusts; Sierra Club; Wild and Scenic Rivers Coalition; the Nature For All Coalition; Trout Unlimited; Day One; National Parks Conservation Association; Sierra Club; Community Hiking Club; Conservation Lands Foundation; Council for Watershed Health; Hispanic Access Foundation; and The Wilderness Society.

Local Businesses and Organizations (33) including: Anahuak; Azul Project; California Native Plant Society; Doris Dann Kids Campus; KCY Center; El Monte Promise Foundation; California Chaparral; Arroyo Seco Foundation; Chinatown Service Center; Federacion Colima; Inland Valley Volunteer Resource Center; API Forward Movement; Council of Mexican Federations; and Investing in Place.

Local Governments and Elected Officials (30) including: The City of Los Angles; The City of Pasadena; The City of El Monte; Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors; California Assemblyman Chris Holden; City of Alhambra; Hacienda La Puente Unified School District; California State Senator Anthony Portantino; City of Glendale; City of Duarte Councilmember Brian Urias; City of San Gabriel Councilmember Chin Ho Liao; City of San Dimas Councilmember Dennis Bertone; and the Garvey Unified School District.

#### Links:

- Frequently Asked Questions: San Gabriel Mountains Foothills and Rivers Protection Act
- Press Release: Rep. Chu and Sen. Harris Introduce Legislation to Protect San Gabriel Mountains
- Supported by 31 House Cosponsors
- Presidential Proclamation No. 9194 Establishment of the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument
- San Gabriel Watershed and Mountains Special Resource Study: Summary and Final Recommendations