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Subject: Cong. Napolitano Letter

Hi Amanda,

Attached is a letter from Congresswoman Grace F. Napolitano to Secretary Zinke regarding her comments for President Trump's executive order titled "Review of Designations under the Antiquities Act" and the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument. The Congresswoman is also submitting the enclosed local support letters for his review.

Please let me know if you have any questions or should the Secretary want to visit the monument.

Best,

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Grace F. Napolitano

**Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
32nd District of California**

July 10, 2017

The Honorable Ryan Zinke
Secretary
US Department of the Interior
1849 C Street NW
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Secretary Zinke:

Seeing the success of the more-than-a-decade-long process to create the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument right outside of my district, I am writing you today to set the record straight on a number of claims mentioned by President Trump during the signing ceremony for his executive order titled “Review of Designations under the Antiquities Act.”

We first owe a special thank you to the San Gabriel Valley stakeholders who spent more than a decade exploring greater protection for the San Gabriel Mountains. In the early 2000s a local chapter of the Sierra Club’s Southern California Forest Campaign sought further protections of our beloved mountains. These efforts eventually produced today’s San Gabriel Mountains Forever group, made up of local residents, business owners, and faith and community leaders.

In 2003, then U.S. Representative Hilda Solis introduced legislation requiring the National Park Service to determine whether a National Recreation Area would benefit the mountains. It generated over 10,000 comments and received the backing of water agencies and the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments. Years later, bipartisan legislation was introduced to further protect the mountains by former Republican Congressman David Dreier in 2011 and by Democratic Congresswoman Judy Chu in 2014. President Obama then designated 350,000 acres of the Angeles National Forest as a national monument in October 2014. The monument designation now works to preserve miles of streams and hiking trails for millions of visitors in the park poor Los Angeles region.

The designation of the San Gabriel Mountains as a national monument was not a federal “land grab” but rather gave local communities a voice in how to manage our federal lands. Prior to the designation, the San Gabriel Mountains were already part of the federally managed Angeles National Forest. With the 2014 monument designation, the San Gabriel Mountains Community Collaborative was launched to maintain an open line of communication and partnership with our U.S. Forest Service. This collaborative includes water companies, local elected officials, county



officials, recreation groups, and residents and is something that could not have been executed prior to the 2014 designation.

Rescinding the monument designation would have a devastating impact on local communities. The designation has helped San Gabriel Valley communities leverage additional federal dollars for critically needed recreation, trail maintenance, trash collection and fire prevention services, and the monument has raised over \$5 million in donations through the San Gabriel Mountains Fund. These private donations help restore our deteriorating forest health, which has suffered as a result of three recent major fires: the 2009 Station Fire, the 2014 Colby Fire, and the 2015 Cabin Fire. Just last month, the U.S. Forest Service increased the fire danger level in the Angeles National Forest to "very high." If the monument loses funding because of this review, how does the Interior Department expect our region to continue to combat the serious threat forest fires pose to public safety?

It is a real shame that discussion of our natural treasures, like the San Gabriel Mountains, has now devolved into political bickering. I hope the Trump Administration changes its course and starts working with Congress and local communities on securing more funding to maintain our federal lands instead of using existing limited funds to re-hash listening sessions for a few of the already designated monuments.

As the comment period closes today, I once again urge you to meet with our local stakeholders about the successes of the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument. I am submitting the enclosed local support letters for your review.

Sincerely,


GRACE F. NAPOLITANO
Member of Congress



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May 4, 2017

The Honorable Grace F. Napolitano
U.S. House of Representatives
1610 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Napolitano:

We are writing to express our support for legislation that protects the designation of the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument.

On April 26, 2017, President Trump signed an Executive Order that directed a review of all national monuments established under the Antiquities Act over the past 21 years. This Executive Order could impact at least 20 and possibly up to 40 national monuments, including the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument.

Efforts to establish the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument began in 2003, with the enactment of the San Gabriel River Watershed Study Act, which was undertaken to determine whether any portion of the San Gabriel Watershed and Mountains would be eligible to be designated as a unit of the National Park Service.

In October 2014, President Obama declared 346,177 acres of existing Federal land as the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument. The designated area covers the Angeles National Forest and a portion of the neighboring San Bernardino National Forest. The designation provided additional resources for the San Gabriel Mountains, and ensured that thousands of miles of streams, hiking trails and other outdoor recreation opportunities would be protected. President Obama's declaration also required public input, which resulted in the creation of the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument Community Collaborative. This nonprofit partner of the U.S. Forest Service has 40 diverse members who work with the Forest Service to discuss priorities, resources, investments, management objectives and implementation practices related to the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument.

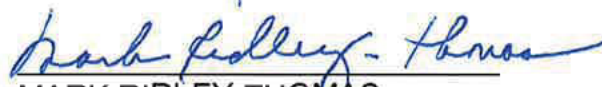
President Trump's Executive Order could wipe away the over 10 years of work that has been done to establish the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument, including the previous and ongoing community engagement to ensure that stakeholders are all involved.

The Honorable Grace F. Napolitano
May 4, 2017
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We respectfully urge you to support legislation that would protect the designation of the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument.

Thank you for your consideration on this important issue.

Sincerely,


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May 22, 2017

Interior Secretary, Ryan Zinke
Department of the Interior
1849 C Street, N.W.
Washington DC 20240

**RE: THE SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS NATIONAL MONUMENT
(DOI-2017-0002)**

Dear Secretary Zinke:

On May 18, 2017, the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) Governing Board adopted Resolution 17-14 in support of the San Gabriel Mountains maintaining its National Monument designating as it is currently configured.

If you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact our office at (626) 457-1800 or sgv@sgvcog.org.

Sincerely,

Philip A. Hawkey
Executive Director
San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments

CC: Congresswoman Judy Chu
Congresswoman Grace Napolitano
Congressman Ed Royce
Congresswoman Linda Sanchez
Congressman Adam Schiff
Congresswoman Norma Torres

RESOLUTION 17-14

A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS ("SGVCOG") SUPPORTING THE SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS NATIONAL MONUMENT DESIGNATION.

WHEREAS, on October 10, 2014, 346,177 acres of existing federal lands were designated as the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument, the eighth national monument under Forest Service management,

WHEREAS, the designation gives the U.S. Forest Service greater ability to manage and protect the more than 160 rare, threatened, and endangered species and significant archeological, historical, and architectural elements,

WHEREAS, the San Gabriel Mountains has over 4 million visitors each year and provides an important outdoor recreation area for more than 17 million residents who live within a 90-minute trip of the San Gabriel Mountains,

WHEREAS, the San Gabriel Mountains is rich with cultural and historic sites. There are more than 600 archeological sites within it, including two Native American rock art sites listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and the designation will help ensure these lands remain a benefit for all Americans,


WHEREAS, the San Gabriel Mountains Community Collaborative, a nonprofit partner of the U.S. Forest Service, represents the public by integrating diverse perspectives to identify, analyze, prioritize and advocate for values, resources, investments, management objectives and implementation practices that sustainably benefit all communities throughout the region, the Angeles National Forest and the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument, and

WHEREAS, on April 26, 2017, an Executive Order was signed that could cut the size of or abolish the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument, putting at risk its historical sites and halting safeguards of its public lands and waters.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE SGVCOG SUPPORTS THE SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS MAINTAINING ITS NATIONAL MONUMENT DESIGNATION AS IT IS CURRENTLY CONFIGURED.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 18th day of May, 2017.

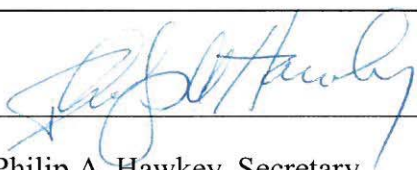
SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

By: 
Cynthia Sternquist, President

Attest:

I, Philip A. Hawkey, Executive Director and Secretary of the Board of Directors of the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments, do hereby certify that Resolution 17-14 was adopted at a regular meeting of the Governing Board held on the 18th day of May, 2017, by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Alhambra, Arcadia, Azusa, Baldwin Park, Claremont, Covina, Diamond Bar, Duarte, Glendora, La Verne, La Canada Flintridge, Montebello, Monterey Park, Monrovia, Pasadena, Pomona, Rosemead, San Dimas, Sierra Madre, South El Monte, South Pasadena, Temple City, Walnut, West Covina, LA County District 1, LA County District 5, San Gabriel Water Districts
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Philip A. Hawkey, Secretary



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June 26, 2017

Ryan Zinke, Secretary of the Interior
U.S. Department of the Interior
1849 C. Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20240

RE: Support the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument Designation

Dear Secretary Zinke,

The City of Glendora hereby expresses its support of the San Gabriel Mountains maintaining its National Monument Designation as it is currently configured.

On October 10, 2014, 346,177 acres of existing federal lands were designated as the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument. This designation gives the U.S. Forest Service greater ability to manage and protect rare, threatened and endangered species living within the designated area.

On April 26, 2017 an executive order was signed that could cut the size or abolish the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument and potentially impact an additional 25 designated monuments.

The designation of a National Monument was meant to preserve and enhance the natural, historic and scenic resources of the San Gabriel Mountains. This new legislation could put at risk the historical sites and halt safeguards of public lands and waters.

For these reasons, the City of Glendora is requesting support and legislation to protect the National Monument status of the San Gabriel Mountains as designated in 2014, to help ensure these lands remain a benefit for all Americans.

Sincerely,

CITY OF GLENDORA

Gary Boyer, Mayor

Cc: Congresswoman Judy Chu – 27th District
Congresswoman Grace Napolitano – 32nd District
Glendora City Council

PRIDE OF THE FOOTHILLS

The Honorable Ryan Zinke
Secretary of the Interior
Department of the Interior
1849 C Street, N.W.
Washington D.C. 20240

May 25, 2017

Subject: The San Gabriel Mountains National Monument meets or exceeds Antiquities Act requirements and considerations established by Executive Order (EO 13792).

Dear Mr. Secretary;

The San Gabriel Mountains Community Collaborative (“Collaborative”) is a broad-based group of individuals representing local governments, tribal interests, state agencies, environmental and recreational organizations, community groups, businesses, land trusts, forest leaseholders and a wide spectrum of other forest users. Our purpose is to advocate for the resources, management objectives, and implementation strategies that will sustainably benefit the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument (“SGMNM”) as well as the Angeles National Forest and all communities throughout the region.

In keeping with this charge, the San Gabriel Mountains Community Collaborative engaged in a thorough process to investigate the Antiquities Act requirements and considerations established by Executive Order. Following this extensive review process, the conclusion of the Collaborative is that the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument meets or exceeds Antiquities Act requirements and Executive Order considerations.

The SGMCC would like to extend an invitation to President Trump and Secretary Zinke to visit the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument and interact with the Collaborative and Angeles National Forest Supervisor Jeffrey Vail to experience how groups with widely diverse viewpoints are able to work together cooperatively to provide informed recommendations regarding our Federal lands.

Prior to the establishment of the SGMNM, there were extensive public outreach and coordination efforts among State agencies, local officials, tribal representatives and other relevant stakeholders. The Collaborative was formed immediately following Monument designation from interested parties that had both supported and opposed the designation, as well as interested organizations that did not participate in the prior discussions. Since that time, Collaborative members have been working cooperatively with each other and with the U.S. Forest Service to discuss our differing viewpoints and reach consensus on the future management of the Monument.

The Collaborative is confident that both the San Gabriel Mountains as well as the surrounding communities have benefitted from the Monument's designation. Consequently, the Collaborative seeks to provide the Secretary of the Interior ("Secretary") with sufficient factual evidence to support a finding that the SGMNM meets or exceeds and other considerations for Monument designation under the Antiquities Act ("Act") as outlined in the President's Executive Order.

The following evidence, organized in the order of the criteria listed in the Executive Order, supports such a finding:

- i. **There is no doubt that the SGMNM meets criteria set forth by the Act that the land reservation not exceed "the smallest area compatible with the proper care and management of the objects to be protected".** The SGMNM includes more than 400 protected archeological sites, some of which date back more than 8,000 years. The location of these archeological resources informed the decision on the extent of the SGMNM's boundaries. The northern boundary encompasses the incomparable Aliso-Arrastre area at the Santa Clara River headwaters. The western border extends to the Placerita Canyon area, the historic site of the first documented discovery of gold in California. The southern border encompasses the Mount Wilson Observatory where the speed of light was first measured accurately. The eastern border encompasses the historic Eldoradoville mining town that provided general stores, saloons, and dance halls to support more than 500 miners following the California Gold Rush.
- ii. **It is an indisputable fact that the resources protected by the SGMNM reservation of land are appropriately classified under the Act as "historic landmarks, historic and prehistoric structures, [or] other objects of historic or scientific interest".** All of the archeological, historical, sacred places, and biological resources protected by the SGMNM warrant classification as "objects of historic or scientific interest" within every meaning that is contemplated for this term under the Act. Scientific resources abound in the form of unparalleled biological diversity of the Forest and Monument due to the unique geology (east-west) of the range of the San Gabriel Mountains. These mountains are the most biologically diverse in the Continental US. The historic and cultural resources protected by the SGMNM represent successive layers of history, including that of Native Americans, Spanish missionaries and colonialists, Mexican rancheros, and Euro-American settlers, farmers and prospectors. The San Gabriel Mountains themselves are sacred to the Kizh Tribe, and are embedded in the Tribe's Creation Stories.
- iii. **The Monument designation on the San Gabriel Mountains is both harmonious with, and furthers the purpose of, the "multiple use" objectives underlying the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA).** The Monument designation on the San

Gabriel Mountains does not thwart or impede the “multiple uses” policy embedded in the FLPMA. To the contrary, the Monument designation protects existing water rights and preserves all existing uses (including mineral extraction, water infrastructure, pipeline, telecommunication and electrical transmission uses) and *even permits the expansion of such uses as well as new facilities to support such uses*. The only condition imposed is that such development be “consistent with the proper care and management of the objects protected” by the Monument designation.

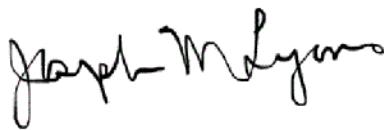
- iv. **Collaborative members report that the Monument designation on the San Gabriel Mountains has actually enhanced the use and enjoyment of adjacent non-federal lands, and is expected to result in increased recreation opportunities and improved water quality within the protected watersheds.** Non-Federal lands within and beyond the SGMNM consist of urban cities, rural unincorporated communities, utility/water resource developments, foothill trails, and individual residences. These landholders are represented directly by sitting members of the Collaborative, all of whom have first-hand knowledge regarding whether landholder interests have been adversely affected in any way by the Monument designation.
- v. **The Collaborative has heard no evidence which suggests that the Monument designation has adversely impacted the economic development or fiscal condition of affected States, tribes, and localities.** State agencies, tribal interests, and local governments that have a considerable stake in the lands within and around the SGMNM are all represented by members of the Collaborative where the collective economic, cultural and resource concerns of these entities are represented. No member entities of the Collaborative have reported that the economic or fiscal interests of a State, tribal, or local government stakeholder have been impaired or truncated as a result of the San Gabriel Mountains’ Monument designation.
- vi. **The Monument status conferred on the San Gabriel Mountains has not resulted in a drain on federal resources. To the contrary, the Monument designation has resulted in an influx of large corporate and private donations to supplement the finite federal resources devoted to the SGMNM.** For instance, Coca-Cola recently donated more than \$900,000 to expand clean-up efforts and secure water quality protections within the SGMNM as a direct result of its Monument designation. Because the SGMNM lies adjacent to an urban core of more than 15 million people, it is certain that a steady stream of fiscal support to supplement federal resources and ensure proper management of historic landmarks, historic and prehistoric structures, and objects of historic and scientific interest within the SGMNM will remain available.

- vii. **The Collaborative offers these additional factors which pertain to the Monument designation of the San Gabriel Mountains:** 1) The Monument designation secures and enhances the protection of all watersheds within the SGMNM; this factor is crucial, given that the San Gabriel Mountains provide a significant amount of drinking water supplied to the 15 million plus residents of the greater Los Angeles area; 2) Existing mineral extraction interests within the SGMNM are not affected by the Monument designation, and in fact continue at full operation; 3) The San Gabriel Mountains serve the surrounding population by providing a wide variety of recreational uses, including fishing, hunting, hiking, mountain biking, off-road vehicle use, skiing, snowshoeing, camping, rock climbing, kayaking, and swimming. Many local communities do not have adequate parks and the Monument designation is helping to secure public transportation to this precious resource from our many low income and diverse communities.

Based on the above discussion, the Collaborative respectfully requests that the Secretary accord significant weight to the factual information provided herein, and thereupon find that:

1. The San Gabriel Mountains National Monument embodies all of the elements of the Antiquities Act and considerations of the Executive Order (EO 13792);
2. It is an appropriate use of Federal lands; and
3. It clearly benefits many surrounding land uses and communities.

In closing, the San Gabriel Mountains Community Collaborative would like to extend an invitation to President Trump and Secretary Zinke to visit the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument and interact with the Collaborative and Angeles National Forest Supervisor Jeffrey Vail to experience how groups with widely diverse viewpoints are able to work cooperatively together to provide informed recommendations regarding our Federal lands.



Committee Chair, on behalf of the San Gabriel Mountains

Community Collaborative

cc: Governor Brown

It is the determination of the Collaborative that this project or program is consistent with the mission and vision of the Collaborative and is therefore worthy of Collaborative support; however, this support is made on behalf of the Collaborative and does not imply endorsement by individual agencies and organizations represented on the Collaborative.

The San Gabriel Mountains Community Collaborative Consists of Members from:

Association of Rural Town Councils (Antelope Valley) and Acton Town Council

Amigos de los Rios

Antelope Valley Unit, Backcountry Horseman of California

Archaeology/Culture

Arroyo Seco Foundation

Asian Pacific Policy & Planning Council (A3PCON)

CalFire

California Department of Transportation, District 7

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City Project

Community Hiking Club

Community Partners, Trust for Public Land

Concerned Off-Road Bicyclists Association (CORBA)

Consejo de Federaciones Mexicanas en Norteamérica (COFEM)

El Monte City School District, El Monte Promise Foundation

Fisheries Resource Volunteer Corps (FRVC)

Friends of the Angeles National Forest

Gabrieleno Band of Mission Indians - Kizh Nation

Gateway Council of Governments

Gateway Water Management Authority

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LA County Board of Supervisors – 1st District (Solis)

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Mount Wilson Bicycling Association

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National Forest Homeowners

Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County

Pasadena Casting Club

Rivers & Mountains Conservancy

San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors (Rutherford)

San Gabriel Mountains Forever

San Gabriel Mountains Regional Conservancy

San Gabriel Valley Conservation Corps

San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments

San Gabriel Valley Legislative Coalition of Chambers

San Gabriel Valley Water Association

Southern California Edison

The Sierra Club

The Wilderness Society