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

Dear Secretary Zinke:

I'm writing to ask that the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument remain unchanged. The designation came after years of public engagement and study to preserve nationally significant resources for future generations.

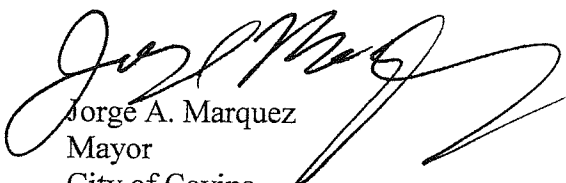
In 2003, Congress authorized The San Gabriel Watershed and Mountains study. The study was completed in 2011 by the National Parks Service. The study identified the national significance of this area for its biodiversity, dynamic river systems and long history of scientific study and discovery. A public engagement process was undertaken and resulted in overwhelming support for the designation from local cities, residents and industry.

As a local elected official, I see that the designation has resulted in a direct benefit to our surrounding communities. It has increased public participation in the management of the mountains resulting in cleaner rivers, trash removal and graffiti abatement. Currently, planning is under way for additional improvements. Private donations have increased to support these projects and better management of the San Gabriel Mountains.

One additional benefit from the National Monument resulted in overwhelming support from local utilities and water purveyors. The proclamation created extensive protections crucial to maintain water and utility access for local providers. It increased protection for the water supply of 3 million Californians by protecting utilities with the necessary access to maintain their systems.

I urge you to consider keeping the San Gabriel National Monument intact and the subsequent protections for water utilities in place.

Sincerely,


Jorge A. Marquez
Mayor
City of Covina