AJR 15 – Federal Public Land, Antiquities Act, and National Monuments

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SUMMARY

AJR 15 expresses the support of the California State Assembly and State Senate for the protection of our federal public lands and their status as legally-protected public lands; for the enactment and use of the Antiquities Act of 1906; and, for the designation of all National Monuments in California.

BACKGROUND

The Antiquities Act of 1906 authorizes the President of the United States to designate as National Monuments any historic landmarks, historic and prehistoric structures, and other objects of historic or scientific interest that are located on land owned or controlled by the Federal Government.

Twenty-two national monuments have been designated in California under the Antiquities Act to protect and preserve the cultural, historical and ecological values of public lands.

In addition, protected federal public lands and waters provide diverse outdoor recreation opportunities for hikers, campers, equestrians, mountain bikers, legal off highway vehicle users, skiers, hunters, anglers, birders, rock collectors, botanists, and others. Outdoor recreation generates $85 billion in annual consumer spending and over 730,000 jobs in California and approximately $6.7 million in state and local tax revenue.

THIS JOINT RESOLUTION

This Joint Resolution will affirm that America's protected federal public lands are a national treasure that belong to all Americans and should be maintained for future generations; and that those protected federal public lands in the State of California are integral to the history, culture, economy, natural environment, and values of the State of California and for which California is globally renown.

The resolution urges President Donald Trump; the Secretary of the United States Department of Interior, Ryan Zinke; and the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture, Sonny Perdue to protect federal public lands and the economic, historical, cultural, and ecological values which they provide for Americans; support the mission of the Antiquities Act of 1906 as a critical tool for protecting the public good by authorizing the designation of national monuments under the Antiquities Act; and honor and protect the integrity of all National Monuments as they have been designated by Presidents since 1906.

SUPPORT

Access Fund
Amargosa Conservancy
American Alpine Club
American Whitewater
Audubon California
Big Sur Land Trust
Bodie Hills Conservation Partnership
Bolsa Chica Land Trust
California League of Conservation Voters
California ReLeaf
California State Parks Foundation
California Wilderness Coalition
Carizzo Plain Conservancy
Center for Biological Diversity
Concerned Off-Road Bicyclists Association
Congressman John Garamendi, California's 3rd District
Conservation Lands Foundation
Defenders of Wildlife
Environment California
Environmental Defense Fund
Folsom Auburn Trail Riders Action Coalition (FATRAC)
Friends of the Desert Mountains
Friends of the Inyo
Groveland Trail Heads
Hispanic Access Foundation
International Mountain Bicycling Association
Joshua Tree National Park Association
Lake County Land Trust
Land Trust of Santa Cruz County
Mendocino Land Trust
Mojave Desert Land Trust
Morongo Basin Conservation Association
Morongo Valley Chamber of Commerce
Mono Lake Committee
Mountain Lion Foundation
Mt. Wilson Bicycling Association
National Parks Conservation Association
Native American Land Conservancy
NRDC
Patagonia
Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST)
Santa Barbara Mountain Bike Trail Volunteers
Save the Redwoods League
Seventh Generation Advisors
SF Urban Riders

SHARE Mountain Bike Club
Sierra Club California
Sierra Nevada Alliance
The Humane Society of the United States
The Nature Conservancy
The Trust for Public Land
The Vet Voice Foundation
The Wilderness Society
Trinidad Coastal Land Trust
Tuleyome
Ukiah Valley Trail Group
Wholly H2O
Wishtoyo Chumash Foundation