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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. CHU introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

# A BILL

To establish the San Gabriel National Recreation Area as a unit of the National Park System in the State of California, and for other purposes.

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; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the  
5 “San Gabriel National Recreation Area Act”.

6 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for  
7 this Act is as follows:

- Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.
- Sec. 2. Definitions.

- Sec. 3. Establishment of San Gabriel National Recreation Area.
- Sec. 4. Management.
- Sec. 5. Non-Federal lands.
- Sec. 6. Water rights; water resource facilities; public roads.
- Sec. 7. San Gabriel National Recreation Area Public Advisory Council.
- Sec. 8. San Gabriel National Recreation Area Partnership.
- Sec. 9. Access and visitor services.

1 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

2 In this Act:

3 (1) **ADJUDICATION.**—The term “adjudication”  
4 means any final judgment, order, ruling, or decree  
5 entered in any judicial proceeding adjudicating or af-  
6 fecting water rights, surface water management, or  
7 groundwater management.

8 (2) **ADVISORY COUNCIL.**—The term “advisory  
9 council” means the San Gabriel National Recreation  
10 Area Public Advisory Council established by section  
11 7(a).

12 (3) **MANAGEMENT PLAN.**—The term “manage-  
13 ment plan” means the management plan for the San  
14 Gabriel National Recreation Area required by sec-  
15 tion 4(d).

16 (4) **PARK LANDS.**—The term “park lands”  
17 means Federal lands under the jurisdiction of the  
18 Secretary and administered as part of the National  
19 Park System.

20 (5) **PARTNERSHIP.**—The term “partnership”  
21 means the San Gabriel National Recreation Partner-  
22 ship established by section 8(a).

1           (6) RECREATION AREA.—The term “recreation  
2           area” means the San Gabriel National Recreation  
3           Area established by section 3(b).

4           (7) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
5           the Secretary of the Interior.

6           (8) SECRETARIES.—The term “Secretaries”  
7           means the Secretary of the Interior and the Sec-  
8           retary of Agriculture acting jointly.

9           (9) STATE.—The term “State” means the State  
10          of California.

11          (10) WATER RESOURCE FACILITY.—The term  
12          “water resource facility” means irrigation and  
13          pumping facilities, dams and reservoirs, flood control  
14          facilities, water conservation works, including debris  
15          protection facilities, sediment placement sites, rain  
16          gauges, and stream gauges, water quality facilities,  
17          recycled water pumping, conveyance distribution sys-  
18          tems, and treatment facilities, aqueducts, canals,  
19          ditches, pipelines, wells, hydropower projects, and  
20          transmission and other ancillary facilities, and other  
21          water diversion, storage, and carriage structures.

22 **SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF SAN GABRIEL NATIONAL**  
23 **RECREATION AREA.**

24          (a) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this Act are—

1           (1) to conserve, protect, and enhance for the  
2 benefit and enjoyment of present and future genera-  
3 tions the ecological, scenic, wildlife, recreational, cul-  
4 tural, historical, natural, educational, and scientific  
5 resources of the recreation area;

6           (2) to provide environmentally responsible, well-  
7 managed recreational opportunities within the recre-  
8 ation area, and improve access to and from the  
9 recreation area;

10          (3) to provide expanded educational and inter-  
11 pretive services that will increase public under-  
12 standing of and appreciation for the natural and cul-  
13 tural resources of the recreation area;

14          (4) to facilitate the cooperative management of  
15 the lands and resources within the recreation area,  
16 in collaboration with the State and political subdivi-  
17 sions of the State, historical, business, cultural,  
18 civic, recreational, tourism and other nongovern-  
19 mental organizations, and the public; and

20          (5) to preserve the discretion of all persons, en-  
21 tities, and local government agencies in activities re-  
22 lating to integrated water management, flood protec-  
23 tion, water conservation, water quality, water rights,  
24 water supply, public roads and bridges, and utilities  
25 affecting the recreation area.

1 (b) ESTABLISHMENT AND BOUNDARIES.—Subject to  
2 valid existing rights, there is hereby designated the San  
3 Gabriel National Recreation Area in the State, which shall  
4 consist of approximately \_\_\_\_\_ acres of Federal  
5 lands and interests in land in the State as depicted on  
6 the map titled “San Gabriel National Recreation Area”  
7 and dated \_\_\_\_\_.

8 (c) MAP AND LEGAL DESCRIPTION.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable after  
10 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
11 shall file a map and a legal description of the recre-  
12 ation area with—

13 (A) the Committee on Natural Resources  
14 of the House of Representatives; and

15 (B) the Committee on Energy and Natural  
16 Resources of the Senate.

17 (2) FORCE OF LAW.—The map and legal de-  
18 scription filed under paragraph (1) shall have the  
19 same force and effect as if included in this Act, ex-  
20 cept that the Secretary may correct any clerical and  
21 typographical errors in the map and legal descrip-  
22 tion.

23 (3) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The map and legal  
24 description filed under paragraph (1) shall be on file  
25 and available for public inspection in the appropriate

1 offices of the Forest Service and agencies of the De-  
2 partment of the Interior.

3 (d) ADMINISTRATION AND JURISDICTION.—

4 (1) NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM LANDS.—The  
5 National Forest System lands within the recreation  
6 area shall be administered by the Secretary of Agri-  
7 culture.

8 (2) NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM LANDS.—The  
9 park lands shall be administered by the Secretary as  
10 a unit of the National Park System.

11 (3) NO CHANGE IN JURISDICTION.—Nothing in  
12 this Act transfers administrative jurisdiction of Fed-  
13 eral lands from the Secretary of Defense or Sec-  
14 retary of Agriculture to the Secretary.

15 (4) STATE AND LOCAL JURISDICTION.—Noth-  
16 ing in this Act alters, modifies, or diminishes any  
17 right, responsibility or entitlement of the State, any  
18 political subdivision thereof, or any State, or local  
19 agency under existing State and Federal law (includ-  
20 ing regulations).

21 (5) MILITARY JURISDICTION.—Nothing in this  
22 Act affects lands under the jurisdiction of the Sec-  
23 retary of Defense.

24 (6) APPLICABLE LAW.—Nothing in this Act  
25 shall be construed to apply the laws (including regu-

1 lations) generally applicable to units of the National  
2 Park System to the National Forest System lands in  
3 the recreation area.

4 (7) ADMINISTRATIVE TRANSFER.—Administra-  
5 tive jurisdiction over the approximately \_\_\_\_\_  
6 acres of land administered by the Bureau of Land  
7 Management that is identified as “BLM lands for  
8 transfer” on the map entitled “San Gabriel National  
9 Recreation Area,” and dated \_\_\_\_\_ is trans-  
10 ferred from the Bureau of Land Management to the  
11 Forest Service.

12 **SEC. 4. MANAGEMENT.**

13 (a) NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM.—The Secretary of  
14 Agriculture shall manage the National Forest System  
15 lands within the recreation area in a manner that protects,  
16 and enhances their natural resources and values, in ac-  
17 cordance with—

18 (1) this Act;

19 (2) the laws, regulations, and rules applicable  
20 to the National Forest System;

21 (3) the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et  
22 seq.);

23 (5) other applicable law (including Federal,  
24 State, or local law, and regulations).

1           (b) NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM.—The Secretary shall  
2 manage the park lands in a manner that protects, and  
3 enhances their natural resources and values, in accordance  
4 with—

5                   (1) this Act;

6                   (2) the laws generally applicable to units of the  
7 National Park System, including the National Park  
8 Service Organic Act (16 U.S.C. 1 et seq.); and

9                   (3) other applicable law (including Federal,  
10 State, or local law, and regulations).

11           (c) CONSULTATION.—The Secretary of Agriculture  
12 and the Secretary shall consult with the Secretary of De-  
13 fense regarding opportunities to manage, to the maximum  
14 extent practicable, the Army Corps of Engineers lands  
15 within the recreation area in accordance with the purposes  
16 described in section 3(a).

17           (d) USES.—

18                   (1) NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM.—The Sec-  
19 retary of Agriculture shall—

20                           (A) allow such uses of the National Forest  
21 System lands as the Secretary of Agriculture  
22 determines would further the purposes de-  
23 scribed in section 3(a).

24                           (B) continue to authorize, maintain, and  
25 enhance the recreational use of National Forest



1 System lands within the recreation area, includ-  
2 ing hunting, fishing, swimming, bicycling,  
3 camping, hiking, hang gliding, sightseeing, na-  
4 ture study, horseback riding, rafting, motorized  
5 recreation on authorized routes and in author-  
6 ized areas, and other recreational activities that  
7 are feasible and consistent with—

8 (i) the purposes described in section  
9 3(a);

10 (ii) this section; and

11 (iii) any other applicable Federal,  
12 State and local laws and ordinances.

13 (2) NON-FEDERAL LANDS.—Nothing in this  
14 section shall—

15 (A) authorize the Secretary or the Sec-  
16 retary of Agriculture to take any action that  
17 would affect the use of any land not owned by  
18 the United States.

19 (B) affect the use of, or access to, any  
20 non-Federal land within the recreation area;

21 (C) modify any provision of Federal, State,  
22 or local law with respect to public access to or  
23 use of non-Federal land;

24 (D) require any owner of non-Federal land  
25 to allow public access (including Federal, State,

1 or local government access) to private property  
2 or any other non-Federal land;

3 (E) alter any duly adopted land use regu-  
4 lation, approved land use plan, or any other  
5 regulatory authority of any State, or local agen-  
6 cy, or tribal government;

7 (F) create any liability, or affects any li-  
8 ability under any other law, of any private  
9 property owner or other owner of non-Federal  
10 land with respect to any person injured on pri-  
11 vate property or other non-Federal land;

12 (G) convey any land use or other regu-  
13 latory authority to the partnership; or

14 (H) be construed to cause any Federal,  
15 State, or local regulations intended to apply to  
16 units of the National Park System, to affect the  
17 Federal lands outside of park lands or non-Fed-  
18 eral lands of the recreation area.

19 (3) COOPERATION.—The Secretary and the  
20 Secretary of Agriculture are encouraged to work  
21 with owners of non-Federal land who have agreed to  
22 cooperate with the Secretary and the Secretary of  
23 Agriculture to further the purposes of this Act.

24 (4) BUFFER ZONES.—

1 (A) IN GENERAL.—Congress does not in-  
2 tend for designation of the recreation area to  
3 lead to the creation of protective perimeters or  
4 buffer zones around the recreation area.

5 (B) ACTIVITIES OR USES UP TO BOUND-  
6 ARIES.—The fact that certain activities or land  
7 can be seen or heard from within the recreation  
8 area shall not, of itself, preclude the activities  
9 or land uses up to the boundary of the recre-  
10 ation area.

11 (5) FACILITIES.—Nothing in this Act shall af-  
12 fect the operation and maintenance of any solid  
13 waste, sanitary sewer, wastewater treatment, convey-  
14 ance distribution system, or recycled water facility  
15 located within or adjacent to the recreation area.

16 (6) EXEMPTION.—Section 5(c) of Public Law  
17 90–401 (16 U.S.C. 460l-22(c)) shall not apply to  
18 the Puente Hills landfill, materials recovery facility,  
19 or intermodal facility.

20 (e) MANAGEMENT PLAN.—Not later than 3 years  
21 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secre-  
22 taries, in consultation with the partnership, and the advi-  
23 sory council shall create a comprehensive management  
24 plan for the recreation area that fulfills the purposes de-  
25 scribed in section 3(a).

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—In developing the manage-  
2           ment plan required by this section, and to the extent  
3           consistent with this section, the Secretaries may in-  
4           corporate any provision from a land and resource  
5           management plan, or any other plan applicable to  
6           the recreation area.

7           (2) ACCESS AND VISITOR SERVICES.—The Sec-  
8           retaries shall, to the maximum extent practicable,  
9           incorporate the visitor services plan and access study  
10          required by section 9 into the management plan re-  
11          quired by this subsection.

12          (f) FISH AND WILDLIFE.—

13           (1) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this Act affects  
14           the jurisdiction of the State with respect to fish and  
15           wildlife located on public land in the State.

16           (2) HUNTING.—The Secretary of Agriculture  
17           may permit hunting on National Forest System  
18           lands within the recreation area, consistent with ap-  
19           plicable Federal and State laws.

20          (g) MOTORIZED VEHICLES.—

21           (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-  
22           graph (2), motorized vehicle use on National Forest  
23           System lands within the recreation area shall be per-  
24           mitted only on roads and trails designated by the  
25           management plan for use by motorized vehicles.

1           (2) EXCEPTION.—The Secretary of Agriculture  
2           may permit the use of motorized vehicles off roads  
3           and trails designated for use by motorized vehicles—

4                   (A) to respond to an emergency;

5                   (B) for administrative purposes;

6                   (C) within the—

7                           (i) Little Rock Off-Highway Vehicle  
8                   Area; and

9                           (ii) San Gabriel Canyon Off-Highway  
10           Vehicle Area; or

11                   (D) as necessary to permit local govern-  
12           ment agencies to perform activities relating to  
13           integrated water management, flood protection  
14           and water conservation (including debris control  
15           and sediment management), water replenish-  
16           ment, water rights, water supply, public roads  
17           and bridges, and utilities.

18           (h) WITHDRAWAL.—

19                   (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to valid existing  
20           rights, all Federal land within the recreation area is  
21           withdrawn from—

22                           (A) entry, appropriation, or disposal under  
23           the public land laws;

24                           (B) location, entry, and patent under the  
25           mining laws; and

1 (C) leasing or disposition under all laws re-  
2 lating to—

3 (i) minerals; and

4 (ii) operation of the mineral leasing,  
5 mineral materials, and geothermal leasing  
6 laws.

7 (2) ADDITIONAL LAND.—If the Secretary of  
8 Agriculture or the Secretary acquires additional  
9 land, in accordance with section 5(a), that is located  
10 within or adjacent to the recreation area after the  
11 date of the enactment of this Act, the land is with-  
12 drawn from operation of the laws referred to in  
13 paragraph (1) on the date of acquisition of the land.

14 (i) GRAZING.—The Secretary of Agriculture shall  
15 permit grazing on the National Forest System lands with-  
16 in the recreation area, where established before the date  
17 of the enactment of this Act—

18 (1) subject to all applicable laws (including reg-  
19 ulations);

20 (2) consistent with the purposes described in  
21 subsection 3(a); and

22 (3) subject to such reasonable regulations as  
23 the Secretary of Agriculture deems necessary.

24 (j) WILDLAND FIRE OPERATIONS.—Nothing in this  
25 section prohibits the Secretary of Agriculture in coopera-

1 tion with other Federal, State, and local agencies, as ap-  
2 propriate, from conducting wildland fire operations, con-  
3 sistent with the purposes described in section 3(a).

4 (k) **NATIVE AMERICAN CULTURAL AND RELIGIOUS**  
5 **USES.**—Nothing in this Act diminishes—

6 (1) the rights of any Indian tribe; or

7 (2) any tribal rights regarding access to Fed-  
8 eral land for tribal activities, including spiritual, cul-  
9 tural, and traditional food-gathering activities.

10 **SEC. 5. NON-FEDERAL LANDS.**

11 (a) **INCORPORATION AND LIMITATION ON ACQUIRED**  
12 **LANDS AND INTERESTS.**—

13 (1) **AUTHORITY.**—The Secretary and the Sec-  
14 retary of Agriculture may acquire non-Federal land  
15 within the boundaries of the recreation area only  
16 through exchange, donation, or purchase from a will-  
17 ing seller.

18 (2) **EMINENT DOMAIN.**—Nothing in this Act  
19 authorizes the use of eminent domain to acquire  
20 land or interests in land.

21 (3) **MANAGEMENT.**—

22 (A) **IN GENERAL.**—Any land or interest in  
23 land acquired by the United States and located  
24 within the recreation area shall—

25 (i) be part of the recreation area; and

1 (ii) be administered in accordance  
2 with—

3 (I) this section; and

4 (II) any other applicable law (in-  
5 cluding regulations).

6 (B) ADMINISTRATION.—

7 (i) Any land or interest in land that  
8 is located within the recreation area that is  
9 acquired by the Forest Service shall be ad-  
10 ministered by the Secretary of Agriculture.

11 (ii) Any land or interest in land that  
12 is located within the recreation area that is  
13 acquired by the National Park Service  
14 shall be incorporated into the park lands  
15 and administered by the Secretary.

16 **SEC. 6. WATER RIGHTS; WATER RESOURCE FACILITIES;**  
17 **PUBLIC ROADS.**

18 (a) NO EFFECT ON WATER RIGHTS.—Nothing in  
19 this Act—

20 (1) affects the use or allocation, in existence on  
21 the date of the enactment of this Act, of any water,  
22 water right, or interest in water (including potable,  
23 recycled, reclaimed, waste, imported, exported,  
24 banked, and stored water and groundwater);



1           (2) affects any public or private contract in ex-  
2           istence on the date of the enactment of this Act for  
3           the sale, lease, or loan of any water (including pota-  
4           ble, recycled, reclaimed, waste, imported, exported,  
5           banked, and stored water and groundwater);

6           (3) affects any vested absolute or decreed condi-  
7           tional water right in existence on the date of the en-  
8           actment of this Act, including any water right held  
9           by the United States;

10          (4) affects any interstate water compact in ex-  
11          istence on the date of the enactment of this Act;

12          (5) authorizes or imposes any new reserved  
13          Federal water rights;

14          (6) shall be considered to be a relinquishment  
15          or reduction of any water rights reserved or appro-  
16          priated by the United States in the State on or be-  
17          fore the date of the enactment of this Act; or

18          (7) shall be considered to be a relinquishment  
19          or reduction of any water rights (including potable,  
20          recycled, reclaimed, waste, imported, exported,  
21          banked, and stored water and groundwater) reserved  
22          or appropriated by any public entity on or before the  
23          date of the enactment of this Act.

24          (b) WATER RESOURCE FACILITIES.—

1           (1) DEFINITION.—As used in this section, the  
2           term “water resource facility” means irrigation and  
3           pumping facilities, dams and reservoirs, flood control  
4           facilities, water conservation works, including debris  
5           protection facilities, sediment placement sites, rain  
6           gauges, and stream gauges, water quality facilities,  
7           recycled water pumping, conveyance distribution sys-  
8           tems, and treatment facilities, aqueducts, canals,  
9           ditches, pipelines, wells, hydropower projects, and  
10          transmission and other ancillary facilities, and other  
11          water diversion, storage, and carriage structures.

12          (2) NO EFFECT ON EXISTING WATER RE-  
13          SOURCE FACILITIES.—Nothing in this Act shall af-  
14          fect—

15                 (A) the use, operation, maintenance, re-  
16                 pair, construction, reconfiguration, expansion,  
17                 or replacement of a water resource facility with-  
18                 in or adjacent to the recreation area; or

19                 (B) access to a water resource facility  
20                 within or adjacent to the recreation area.

21          (3) NO EFFECT ON NEW WATER RESOURCE FA-  
22          CILITIES.—Nothing in this Act shall preclude the es-  
23          tablishment of new water resource facilities (includ-  
24          ing instream sites, routes, and areas) within the  
25          recreation area if such facilities are necessary to pre-

1       serve or enhance the health, safety, water supply, or  
2       utility services to residents of Los Angeles or San  
3       Bernardino County.

4           (4) FLOOD CONTROL.—Nothing in this Act  
5       shall be construed to—

6           (A) impose new restrictions or require-  
7       ments on flood protection, water conservation  
8       or water quality operations; or

9           (B) increase the liability of agencies car-  
10      rying out flood protection, water conservation  
11      or water quality operations.

12          (C) DIVERSION OR USE OF WATER.—Noth-  
13      ing in this Act shall authorize or require the  
14      use of water in or the diversion of water to the  
15      recreation area or the park lands.

16      (d) ROADS.—

17          (1) DEFINITION.—In this subsection, the term  
18      “public roads” means any paved road or bridge (in-  
19      cluding any appurtenant structures and rights of  
20      way) that is operated or maintained by a non-Fed-  
21      eral entity and is—

22          (A) open to vehicular use by the public; or

23          (B) used by public agencies or utilities for  
24      the operation, maintenance, repair, construc-

1           tion, and rehabilitation of publicly-owned infra-  
2           structure or utilities.

3           (2) NO EFFECT ON PUBLIC ROADS.—Nothing  
4           in this Act—

5                   (A) authorizes the Secretary or Secretary  
6                   of Agriculture to take any action that would af-  
7                   fect the operation, maintenance, repair, and re-  
8                   habilitation of public roads (including activities  
9                   necessary to comply with Federal and State  
10                  safety standards); or

11                  (B) creates any new liability, or increases  
12                  any existing liability, of any owner of operator  
13                  of public roads.

14 **SEC. 7. SAN GABRIEL NATIONAL RECREATION AREA PUB-**  
15 **LIC ADVISORY COUNCIL.**

16           (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not more than 180 days after  
17           the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretaries shall  
18           establish a public advisory council, to be known as the  
19           “San Gabriel National Recreation Area Public Advisory  
20           Council”.

21           (b) DUTIES.—The public advisory council shall—

22                   (1) advise the Secretaries on the development  
23                   and implementation of the management plan; and

1           (2) advise the Secretary on the development  
2           and implementation of the visitor services plan and  
3           access study required by section 3.

4           (c) APPLICABLE LAW.—The public advisory council  
5 shall be subject to—

6           (1) the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5  
7           U.S.C. App.);

8           (2) all other applicable law (including regula-  
9           tions).

10          (d) MEMBERS.—

11           (1) SIZE OF PUBLIC ADVISORY COUNCIL.—The  
12          public advisory council shall include 21 members.

13           (2) MAKEUP OF PUBLIC ADVISORY COUNCIL.—  
14          The Secretaries shall appoint members of the public  
15          advisory council to represent the following interests:

16           (A) two members to represent local, re-  
17           gional, or national environmental organizations;

18           (B) two members to represent the interests  
19           of outdoor recreation, including off-highway ve-  
20           hicle recreation, within the recreation area;

21           (C) two members to represent the interests  
22           of community-based organizations whose mis-  
23           sion includes expanding access to the outdoors;

24           (D) two members to represent business in-  
25           terests;

1 (E) one member to represent Native Amer-  
2 ican tribes within or adjacent to the recreation  
3 area;

4 (F) one member to represent the interests  
5 of homeowners' associations within the recre-  
6 ation area;

7 (G) three members to represent the inter-  
8 ests of holders of adjudicated water rights,  
9 water agencies, and water replenishment enti-  
10 ties;

11 (H) one member to represent energy and  
12 mineral development interests;

13 (I) one member to represent owners of  
14 Federal grazing permits, or other land use per-  
15 mits within the recreation area;

16 (J) one member to represent archaeological  
17 and historical interests;

18 (K) one member to represent the interests  
19 of environmental educators;

20 (L) one member to represent cultural his-  
21 tory interests;

22 (M) one member to represent environ-  
23 mental justice interests; and

24 (N) two members to represent the affected  
25 public at large.

1 (f) TERMS.—

2 (1) STAGGERED TERMS.—Members of the pub-  
3 lic advisory council shall be appointed for terms of  
4 3 years, except that, of the members first appointed,  
5 6 of the members shall be appointed for a term of  
6 1 year and 6 of the members shall be appointed for  
7 a term of 2 years.

8 (2) REAPPOINTMENT.—A member may be re-  
9 appointed to serve on the public advisory council  
10 upon the expiration of the member's current term.

11 (3) VACANCY.—A vacancy on the public advi-  
12 sory council shall be filled in the same manner as  
13 the original appointment.

14 (g) QUORUM.—A quorum shall be ten members of the  
15 public advisory council. The operations of the advisory  
16 council shall not be impaired by the fact that a member  
17 has not yet been appointed as long as a quorum has been  
18 attained.

19 (h) CHAIRPERSON AND PROCEDURES.—The public  
20 advisory council shall elect a chairperson and establish  
21 such rules and procedures as it deems necessary or desir-  
22 able.

23 (i) SERVICE WITHOUT COMPENSATION.—Members of  
24 the public advisory council shall serve without pay.

1 (j) TERMINATION.—The public advisory council shall  
2 cease to exist—

3 (1) on the date that is five years after the date  
4 on which the management plans are officially adopt-  
5 ed by the Secretaries; or

6 (2) on such later date as the Secretaries con-  
7 sider appropriate.

8 **SEC. 8. SAN GABRIEL NATIONAL RECREATION AREA PART-**  
9 **NERSHIP.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—There is hereby established the  
11 San Gabriel National Recreation Area Partnership.

12 (b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of the partnership are  
13 to—

14 (1) coordinate the activities of Federal, State,  
15 tribal, and local authorities, and the private sector,  
16 in fulfilling the purposes of this Act; and

17 (2) use the resources and expertise of each  
18 agency in improving the management and rec-  
19 reational opportunities within the recreation area.

20 (c) MEMBERSHIP.—The members of the partnership  
21 shall include the following:

22 (1) The Secretary of Agriculture, or a designee  
23 of the Secretary, to represent the Forest Service.



1           (2) The Secretary, or a designee of the Sec-  
2           retary, to represent the National Park Service and  
3           Bureau of Land Management.

4           (3) The Secretary of Defense, or a designee of  
5           the Secretary, to represent the Army Corps of Engi-  
6           neers.

7           (4) The Secretary of the State Natural Re-  
8           sources Agency, or a designee of the Secretary, to  
9           represent the California Department of Parks and  
10          Recreation and the Rivers and Mountains Conser-  
11          vancy.

12          (5) A designee of the Los Angeles County  
13          Board of Supervisors.

14          (6) A designee of the San Bernardino County  
15          Board of Supervisors.

16          (7) A designee of the Puente Hills Habitat  
17          Preservation Authority.

18          (8) Four designees of the San Gabriel Council  
19          of Governments, one of whom is to be elected from  
20          a local land conservancy.

21          (9) A designee of the San Gabriel Valley Eco-  
22          nomic Partnership.

23          (10) A designee of the Los Angeles County  
24          Flood Control District.

1           (11) A designee of the San Gabriel Valley  
2 Water Association.

3           (12) A designee of the Central Basin Water As-  
4 sociation.

5           (13) A designee of the Watershed Conservation  
6 Authority.

7           (14) A designee of the public advisory council.

8           (d) DUTIES.—To further the purposes of this Act,  
9 and in a manner consistent with the purposes described  
10 in section 3(a), the partnership shall—

11           (1) advise the Secretary of Agriculture on the  
12 provision and management of recreational opportuni-  
13 ties, and improvement of visitor services and edu-  
14 cation on the National Forest System lands within  
15 the recreation area;

16           (2) review and comment on the visitor services  
17 plan and access study required by section 103;

18           (3) seek opportunities to facilitate the imple-  
19 mentation of the visitor services plan and access  
20 study required by section 9; and

21           (4) assist units of local government, regional  
22 planning organizations, and nonprofit organizations  
23 in fulfilling the purposes of the recreation area by—

1 (A) carrying out programs and projects  
2 that recognize, protect, and enhance important  
3 resource values within the recreation area;

4 (B) establishing and maintaining interpre-  
5 tive exhibits and programs within the recreation  
6 area;

7 (C) developing recreational and educational  
8 opportunities in the recreation area, consistent  
9 with the purposes of this Act;

10 (D) increasing public awareness of, and  
11 appreciation for, natural, historic, scenic, and  
12 cultural resources of the recreation area;

13 (E) ensuring that signs identifying points  
14 of public access and sites of interest are posted  
15 throughout the recreation area; and

16 (F) promoting a wide range of partner-  
17 ships among governments, organizations, and  
18 individuals to further the purposes of the recre-  
19 ation area.

20 (5) undertake any other action necessary to ful-  
21 fill the purposes of this Act.

22 (e) AUTHORITIES.—The partnership may, subject to  
23 the prior approval of the Secretary, for the purposes of  
24 preparing and implementing the management plans, use  
25 Federal funds made available under this section to—

1           (1) make grants to the State, political subdivi-  
2           sions of the State, nonprofit organizations, and  
3           other persons;

4           (2) enter into cooperative agreements with, or  
5           provide grants or technical assistance to, the State,  
6           political subdivisions of the State, nonprofit organi-  
7           zations, Federal agencies, and other interested par-  
8           ties;

9           (3) hire and compensate staff;

10          (4) obtain funds or services from any source,  
11          including funds and services provided under any  
12          other Federal law or program;

13          (5) contract for goods or services; and

14          (6) support activities of partners and any other  
15          activities that further the purposes of the recreation  
16          area and are consistent with the approved manage-  
17          ment plans.

18          (f) DUTIES AND AUTHORITIES OF THE SEC-  
19          RETARY.—

20                (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall convene  
21                the partnership on a regular basis to carry out this  
22                Act.

23                (2) VISITOR SERVICES AND ACCESS.—The Sec-  
24                retary is authorized to carry out the visitor services

1 plan required by section 9(a)(2) and access study re-  
2 quired by section 9(c)(2).

3 (2) TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.—

4 The Secretary may provide technical and financial  
5 assistance, on a reimbursable or non-reimbursable  
6 basis, as determined by the Secretary, to the part-  
7 nership or any members of the partnership to carry  
8 out this Act.

9 (4) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—The Sec-  
10 retary may enter into cooperative agreements with  
11 the partnership, any members of the partnership, or  
12 other public or private entities to provide technical,  
13 financial or other assistance to carry out this Act.

14 (5) CONSTRUCTION OF FACILITIES ON NON-  
15 FEDERAL LANDS.—

16 (A) IN GENERAL.—In order to facilitate  
17 the administration of the recreation area, the  
18 Secretary is authorized to construct administra-  
19 tive or visitor use facilities on non-Federal pub-  
20 lic lands within the recreation area.

21 (B) ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENT.—Such  
22 facilities may only be developed—

23 (i) with the consent of the owner of  
24 the non-Federal public land; and

1 (ii) in accordance with applicable Fed-  
2 eral, State, and local laws, regulations, and  
3 plans.

4 (6) PRIORITY.—The Secretary shall give pri-  
5 ority to actions that—

6 (A) conserve the significant natural, his-  
7 toric, cultural, and scenic resources of the  
8 recreation area; and

9 (B) provide educational, interpretive, and  
10 recreational opportunities consistent with the  
11 purposes of the recreation area.

12 **SEC. 9. ACCESS AND VISITOR SERVICES.**

13 (a) VISITOR SERVICES.—

14 (1) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this subsection  
15 is to facilitate the development of an integrated vis-  
16 itor services plan that will improve visitor experi-  
17 ences within the recreation area through expanded  
18 recreational opportunities, and increased interpreta-  
19 tion, education, resource protection, and enforce-  
20 ment.

21 (2) PLAN REQUIRED.—Not later than three  
22 years after the date of the enactment of this Act,  
23 and in accordance with this subsection, the Sec-  
24 retary, in consultation with the Secretary of Agri-

1 culture and the Partnership, shall develop an inte-  
2 grated visitor services plan for the recreation area.

3 (3) CONTENTS.—The visitor services plan re-  
4 quired by this subsection shall—

5 (A) assess current and anticipated future  
6 visitation to the recreation area, including  
7 recreation destinations;

8 (B) consider the demand for various types  
9 of recreation (including hiking, picnicking,  
10 horseback riding, and the use of motorized and  
11 mechanized vehicles) where permissible and ap-  
12 propriate;

13 (C) evaluate the impacts of recreation on  
14 natural and cultural resources, water resource  
15 facilities, public roads, and utilities within the  
16 recreation area, as well as the effectiveness of  
17 current enforcement efforts;

18 (D) assess the current level of interpretive  
19 and educational services and facilities;

20 (E) include recommendations to—

21 (i) expand opportunities for high-de-  
22 mand recreational activities, consistent  
23 with the purposes described in section  
24 3(a); and

1                   (ii) better manage recreation area re-  
2                   sources and improve the experience of  
3                   recreation area visitors through expanded  
4                   interpretive and educational services and  
5                   facilities, and improved enforcement;

6                   (iii) better manage recreation area re-  
7                   sources to reduce negative impacts on the  
8                   environment, ecology, and integrated water  
9                   management activities in the area.

10                  (F) in coordination and consultation with  
11                  owners of non-Federal land, assess options to  
12                  incorporate recreational opportunities on non-  
13                  Federal land into the recreation area—

14                         (i) in a manner consistent with the  
15                         purposes and uses of the non-Federal land;  
16                         and

17                         (ii) with the consent of the non-Fed-  
18                         eral land owner;

19                  (G) assess opportunities to provide rec-  
20                  reational opportunities that connect the San  
21                  Gabriel River to the National Forest System  
22                  lands; and

23                  (H) be developed and carried out in ac-  
24                  cordance with applicable Federal, State, and  
25                  local laws and ordinances.



1           (4) CONSULTATION.—In developing the plan re-  
2           quired by this subsection, the Secretary shall—

3                   (A) consult with—

4                           (i) the Secretary of Agriculture and  
5                           other appropriate Federal agencies;

6                           (ii) the partnership;

7                           (iii) the public advisory council;

8                           (iv) appropriate State and local agen-  
9                           cies; and

10                           (v) interested nongovernmental orga-  
11                           nizations; and

12                   (B) involve members of the public.

13           (b) VISITOR FACILITIES.—The Secretary and Sec-  
14           retary of Agriculture are authorized to construct visitor  
15           use facilities, within the recreation area. Such facilities  
16           shall be developed in conformance with all existing laws  
17           (including regulations) and applicable plans.

18           (c) ACCESS STUDY.—

19                   (1) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this subsection  
20                   is to assess the feasibility of improving the accessi-  
21                   bility of the recreation area.

22                   (2) STUDY REQUIRED.—Not later than three  
23                   years after the date of the enactment of this Act,  
24                   and in accordance with this subsection, the Sec-

1       retary shall conduct a study on the accessibility of  
2       the recreation area.

3           (3) CONTENTS.—The access study required by  
4       this subsection shall—

5           (A) evaluate the means by which members  
6       of the public access various locations within the  
7       recreation area;

8           (B) consider alternatives to sustainably im-  
9       prove the recreational access of the National  
10       Forest System from the San Gabriel River;

11          (C) provide options and recommendations  
12       for improving the accessibility of the recreation  
13       area, consistent with the purposes described in  
14       section 3(a); and

15          (D) be developed and carried out in ac-  
16       cordance with applicable Federal, State, and  
17       local laws and ordinances.

18          (4) CONSULTATION.—In developing the study  
19       required by this subsection, the Secretary shall—

20           (A) consult with—

21           (i) the Secretary of Agriculture and  
22           other appropriate Federal agencies;

23           (ii) the partnership;

24           (iii) the public advisory council;

1 (iv) appropriate State and local agen-  
2 cies; and

3 (v) interested nongovernmental orga-  
4 nizations; and

5 (B) involve members of the public.

6 (d) DONATIONS.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary and the Sec-  
8 retary of Agriculture may accept and use donated  
9 funds, property, and services to carry out this Act.

10 (2) PROHIBITION.—The Secretary or Secretary  
11 of Agriculture may not accept non-Federal land that  
12 has been acquired through use of eminent domain  
13 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

14 (e) COORDINATION.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Agriculture  
16 and the Secretary shall coordinate in carrying out  
17 this Act.

18 (2) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—In carrying  
19 out this Act, the Secretary and Secretary of Agri-  
20 culture may make grants to, or enter into coopera-  
21 tive agreements with, State, tribal, and local govern-  
22 mental entities and private entities to conduct re-  
23 search, develop scientific analyses, and carry out any  
24 other initiative relating to the management of and  
25 visitation to the recreation area.

1           (3) COORDINATION BETWEEN FEDERAL AGEN-  
2           CIES.—

3           (A) AGREEMENT REQUIRED.—Not later  
4           than 18 months after the date of the enactment  
5           of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall  
6           enter into an agreement with the Secretary to  
7           carry out this Act on National Forest System  
8           lands within the recreation area.

9           (B) REQUIRED COMPONENTS.—The agree-  
10          ment required by subparagraph (A) shall ad-  
11          dress, at a minimum, in a manner consistent  
12          with the purposes for which the recreation area  
13          has been established—

14                 (i) sharing of resources between the  
15                 Secretary of Agriculture and Secretary;

16                 (ii) improved visitor services, edu-  
17                 cation, and enforcement;

18                 (iii) enhanced resource protection  
19                 within the recreation area; and

20                 (iv) better connecting the National  
21                 Forest System lands and park lands.

22          (C) NATIONAL PARK SERVICE.—The Sec-  
23          retary may share resources such as manage-  
24          ment, research, planning, interpretation, visitor

1 services, and enforcement with any unit of the  
2 National Park System.

3 (D) ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST.—The  
4 Secretary may share resources such as manage-  
5 ment, research, planning, interpretation, visitor  
6 services, and enforcement with the Angeles Na-  
7 tional Forest in order to fulfill the purposes of  
8 the recreation area.

9 (4) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary  
10 may provide technical assistance to interested public  
11 agencies, private landowners, and organizations, to  
12 carry out the purposes of this Act.

13 (f) DIVERSION OR USE OF WATER.—Nothing in this  
14 Act shall authorize or require the use of water in or the  
15 diversion of water to the recreation area or the park lands.