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March 27, 2014

The Honorable Judy Chu  
Congresswoman, 27<sup>th</sup> District  
527 S. Lake Ave, Suite 106  
Pasadena, CA 91101

**RE: San Gabriel National Recreation Area**

Dear Congresswoman Chu:

I write to express my concerns with your current legislation that would create the San Gabriel National Recreational Area (NRA). A significant concern is the 30 day comment period that ends April 16th. Legislation of this magnitude deserves a longer period for public input, and I respectfully request that the period be extended.

Another concern relates to the map of the proposed NRA. There seems to be ambiguity with regards to the exact boundaries of the NRA, and I would suggest that the boundaries and jurisdiction of the NRA be precisely described prior to a final vote in Congress. It appears from the preliminary maps that residential properties could be located within the NRA, and I believe the potential impacts to the property owners must be fully understood prior to any decision making.

I read with interest that the current legislation states "...undertake any other action necessary to fulfill the purposes of this Act" with the caveat that these actions be met with "the approval of the Secretary (of Interior)." Such language clearly provides an open door for any Secretary of Interior to exercise complete control over all decisions rendered by the proposed partnership, with very significant impacts to the local residents who will be impacted by the Secretary's decisions. It goes without saying the voters do not elect the Secretary of the Interior.

It is unclear as to why this land could not be managed better by simply providing more resources to the Angeles National Forest's budget, rather than invent this new entity.

I stand ready to work with you for the betterment of the San Gabriel Mountains.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bob Huff".

Bob Huff  
Senator, 29<sup>th</sup> District

cc: Congresswoman Grace Napolitano  
Congressman Ed Royce  
Congressman Adam Schiff