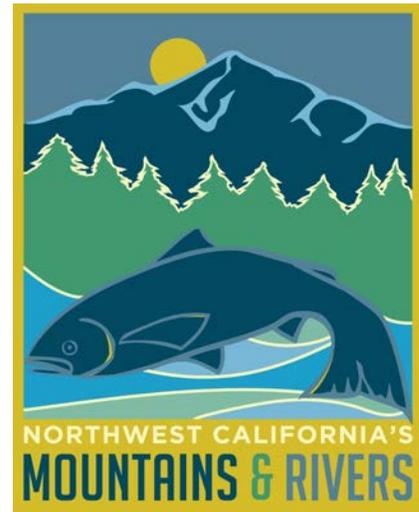


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A Public Lands Proposal for Northwest California

Summary

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Northern California Conservation and Recreation Act

Northwest California is one of the most beautiful and special places on earth. From the fog-shrouded redwood forests of Humboldt County to the sunny oak woodlands and grasslands of Mendocino, and from the soaring peaks of the Trinity Alps Wilderness to the turquoise waters of the Wild & Scenic Smith River, this region is home to spectacular landscapes.

Visitors from around the globe come to Northwest California to fish mountain streams, run river rapids, hike backcountry trails and find solitude in primeval redwood groves - all of which drives consumer spending in local communities and enhances the region's outdoor recreation economy. These mountains and rivers are also among the most biologically diverse areas on the planet, home to thousands of different plants and animals.

In early August, Congressman Huffman released legislation to safeguard and restore important public lands, rivers and streams in Mendocino, Humboldt, Trinity and Del Norte counties. This proposal would protect our wild lands and rivers and expand recreational opportunities while restoring watersheds and managing for fire.

Restoration and Revitalization of Forests and Watersheds

The well-being of the region is tied to the health of its forests and watersheds. The proposal would help revitalize damaged forests and watersheds and improve the region's overall water quality. Restoring historically damaged areas would have significant long term positive effects on the health and quality of life of people in local communities, resulting in clean drinking water, expanded community wildfire protection and improved recreational experiences.

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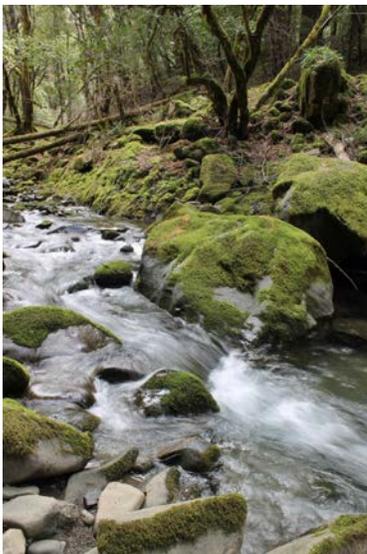
South Fork Trinity River, photo Jeff Morris



Wild Steelhead, photo David Lass



Bear Mountain, photo Joe Gillespie



Elder Creek, photo Steve Evans

Conservation of Ecologically-Significant Areas

Many of Northwest California's ancient forests, clear streams, and rugged mountains lack permanent protection and are open to logging, road construction, and other types of development that could destroy their wild character.

Designating our most pristine public lands as Wilderness and our clear rivers and creeks as Wild & Scenic would ensure that these places remain in their natural state for future generations. Protecting streams and watersheds safeguards habitat for endangered salmon and steelhead populations and conserves vital sources of clean water for drinking, fishing, and recreation.

Enhancement of Recreational Opportunities & Support for Local Economies

Northwest California is rich with recreational opportunities. Whether you enjoy hiking in wilderness, fishing the Trinity River, mountain biking, or riding a four-wheeler, this area has it all. The proposal would protect recreational opportunities and access, and would secure new trail expansion and opportunities. Public land recreation is also the backbone of Northwest California's economy. These lands help create desirable communities to live in and support jobs in recreation, tourism, and the service industries in our region. This proposal will strengthen our local economies.

According to a 2017 report by the Outdoor Industry Association, the California outdoor recreation economy generated 691,000 jobs in the state, \$92 billion in consumer spending, \$30.4 billion in state wages and salaries and \$6.2 billion in state and local tax revenue.

Get Involved!

Attend upcoming public meetings

Mon. 08/14, 5:30-6:30 - Wharfinger Building, 1 Marina Way, Eureka

Tues. 08/15, 5:30-6:30 - Educational Resource Center,
400 West Harding, Crescent City

Wed. 08/16, 5:30-6:30 - Trinity High School, 321 Victory Lane,
Weaverville

Tues, 08/29, 1:30-2:30 - City of Ukiah Civic Center, 300 Seminary
Ave, Ukiah

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