

116TH CONGRESS  
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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mrs. FEINSTEIN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

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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.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Rim of the Valley Cor-

5 ridor Preservation Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7       Congress finds that—

8           (1) the Santa Monica Mountains National  
9       Recreation Area was authorized as a unit of the Na-  
10      tional Park System on November 10, 1978;

1           (2) the Santa Monica Mountains and the Rim  
2 of the Valley Corridor include—

3           (A) nationally significant resources, includ-  
4 ing—

5           (i) outstanding examples of geologic  
6 history, including the evolution of the  
7 Transverse Ranges Province;

8           (ii) a diversity of well-preserved ma-  
9 rine and terrestrial paleontological re-  
10 sources; and

11           (iii) high biodiversity, including out-  
12 standing examples of native grasslands,  
13 coastal sage scrub, chaparral, dry conif-  
14 erous forests, and alluvian fan sage scrub;  
15 and

16           (B) nationally significant cultural re-  
17 sources that represent a wide range of themes  
18 relating to human use and settlement in the re-  
19 gion, including—

20           (i) high concentrations of archeo-  
21 logical resources that provide insight into  
22 more than 10,000 years of Tribal history;  
23 and

1 (ii) landmarks that represent topics  
2 such as architecture, recreation, and space  
3 exploration; and

4 (3) expanding the Santa Monica Mountains Na-  
5 tional Recreation Area would provide new opportuni-  
6 ties for the National Park Service to serve a broad  
7 range of urban communities, including many com-  
8 munities that are—

9 (A) underrepresented in units of the Na-  
10 tional Park System; and

11 (B) underserved by State and local parks.

12 **SEC. 3. BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT; LAND ACQUISITION; AD-**  
13 **MINISTRATION.**

14 (a) BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT.—Section 507(c)(1) of  
15 the National Parks and Recreation Act of 1978 (16  
16 U.S.C. 460kk(c)(1)) is amended, in the first sentence, by  
17 striking “‘Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation  
18 Area and Santa Monica Mountains Zone, California,  
19 Boundary Map’, numbered 80,047–C and dated August  
20 2001” and inserting “‘Rim of the Valley Unit—Santa  
21 Monica Mountains National Recreation Area’ and dated  
22 October 2017”.

23 (b) RIM OF THE VALLEY UNIT.—Section 507 of the  
24 National Parks and Recreation Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C.  
25 460kk) is amended by adding at the end the following:

1 “(u) RIM OF THE VALLEY UNIT.—

2 “(1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

3 “(A) STATE.—The term ‘State’ means the  
4 State of California.

5 “(B) UNIT.—The term ‘Unit’ means the  
6 Rim of the Valley Unit included within the  
7 boundaries of the recreation area, as depicted  
8 on the map described in subsection (c)(1).

9 “(C) UTILITY FACILITY.—The term ‘utility  
10 facility’ means—

11 “(i) electric substations, communica-  
12 tion facilities, towers, poles, and lines;

13 “(ii) ground wires;

14 “(iii) communications circuits;

15 “(iv) other utility structures; and

16 “(v) related infrastructure.

17 “(D) WATER RESOURCE FACILITY.—The  
18 term ‘water resource facility’ means—

19 “(i) irrigation and pumping facilities;

20 “(ii) dams and reservoirs;

21 “(iii) flood control facilities;

22 “(iv) water conservation works, in-  
23 cluding debris protection facilities, sedi-  
24 ment placement sites, rain gauges, and  
25 stream gauges;

1 “(v) water quality, recycled water, and  
2 pumping facilities;

3 “(vi) conveyance distribution systems;

4 “(vii) water treatment facilities;

5 “(viii) aqueducts;

6 “(ix) canals;

7 “(x) ditches;

8 “(xi) pipelines;

9 “(xii) wells;

10 “(xiii) hydropower projects;

11 “(xiv) transmission facilities; and

12 “(xv) other ancillary facilities, ground-  
13 water recharge facilities, water conserva-  
14 tion, water filtration plants, and other  
15 water diversion, conservation, groundwater  
16 recharge, storage, and carriage structures.

17 “(2) BOUNDARIES.—Not later than 3 years  
18 after the date of enactment of this subsection, the  
19 Secretary shall update the general management plan  
20 for the recreation area developed under subsection  
21 (t) to reflect the boundaries designated on the map  
22 referred to in subsection (c)(1) to include the area  
23 known as the ‘Rim of the Valley Unit’.

24 “(3) ADMINISTRATION.—Subject to valid exist-  
25 ing rights, the Secretary shall administer the Unit

1 and any land or interest in land acquired by the  
2 United States located within the boundaries of the  
3 Unit—

4 “(A) as part of the recreation area; and

5 “(B) in accordance with—

6 “(i) this section; and

7 “(ii) applicable laws (including regula-  
8 tions).

9 “(4) ACQUISITION OF LAND.—

10 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may  
11 acquire non-Federal land within the boundaries  
12 of the Unit only through exchange, donation, or  
13 purchase from a willing seller.

14 “(B) USE OF EMINENT DOMAIN.—Nothing  
15 in this subsection authorizes the use of eminent  
16 domain to acquire land or interests in land  
17 within the boundaries of the Unit.

18 “(5) OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES.—The fact that cer-  
19 tain activities or land uses can be seen or heard  
20 from within the Unit shall not preclude the activities  
21 or land uses outside the boundary of the Unit.

22 “(6) EFFECT OF SUBSECTION.—Nothing in this  
23 subsection or the application of the applicable man-  
24 agement plan to the Unit—

1           “(A) modifies any provision of Federal,  
2 State, or local law with respect to public access  
3 to, or use of, non-Federal land;

4           “(B) creates any liability, or affects any li-  
5 ability under any other law, of any private  
6 property owner or other owner of non-Federal  
7 land with respect to any person injured on pri-  
8 vate property or other non- Federal land;

9           “(C) affects the ownership, management,  
10 or other rights relating to any non-Federal land  
11 (including any interest in any non-Federal  
12 land);

13           “(D) requires any unit of local government  
14 to participate in any program administered by  
15 the Secretary;

16           “(E) alters, modifies, or diminishes any  
17 right, responsibility, power, authority, jurisdic-  
18 tion, or entitlement of the State, any political  
19 subdivision of the State, or any State or local  
20 agency under existing Federal, State, or local  
21 law (including regulations);

22           “(F) requires the creation of protective pe-  
23 rimeters or buffer zones around the Unit;

24           “(G) requires or promotes the use of, or  
25 encourages trespass on, land, facilities, or

1 rights-of-way owned by non-Federal entities, in-  
2 cluding water resource facilities and public utili-  
3 ties, without the written consent of the owner  
4 of the land;

5 “(H) affects the operation, maintenance,  
6 modification, construction, or expansion of any  
7 water resource facility or utility facility located  
8 within or adjacent to the Unit;

9 “(I) terminates the fee title to land, or the  
10 customary operation, maintenance, repair, and  
11 replacement activities on or under the land,  
12 granted to public agencies that are authorized  
13 under Federal or State law;

14 “(J) interferes with, obstructs, hinders, or  
15 delays the exercise of any right to, or access to  
16 any water resource facility or other facility or  
17 property necessary or useful to access any  
18 water right to operate any public water or util-  
19 ity system; or

20 “(K) requires initiation or reinitiation of  
21 consultation with the Director of the United  
22 States Fish and Wildlife Service under, or the  
23 application of provisions of, the Endangered  
24 Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.),  
25 the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969

1 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), or division A of sub-  
2 title III of title 54, United States Code, relating  
3 to any action or activity affecting water, water  
4 rights, water management, or water resource  
5 facilities within the Unit.

6 “(7) UTILITY FACILITIES; WATER RESOURCE  
7 FACILITIES.—A utility facility or water resource fa-  
8 cility shall conduct activities in a manner that rea-  
9 sonably avoids or reduces the impact of the activities  
10 on the resources of the Unit.”.