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July 3, 2019

The Honorable Jared Huffman
U.S. House of Representatives
317 Third Street, Suite 1
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Dear Representative Huffman,

The Trinity County Board of Supervisors during their July 2nd board meeting took a four-to-one vote to remain neutral on H.R. 2250 – Northwest California Wilderness, Recreation and Working Forest Act. We received public comment, both in support and in opposition of the current bill. The Board also voted five-to-zero to send the two Federal Lands Legislation Ad Hoc members to the Legislative Hearing in Washington DC on July 10, 2019.

Thank you for allowing Trinity County's continued participation with H.R. 2250 – Northwest California Wilderness, Recreation and Working Forest Act. Your comments from your field representative Ciara Emery were appreciated along with your offer to make a formal presentation to the Trinity County Board of Supervisors. I look forward to scheduling something soon with you and your staff.

Sincerely,

Judy Morris, Chairman
Trinity County Board of Supervisors



July 9, 2019

Senator Kamala Harris
112 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Rep. Jared Huffman
1406 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Support for the Northwest California Wilderness, Recreation, and Working Forests Act (S. 1100 / H.R. 2250)

Dear Senator Harris and Representative Huffman,

On behalf of the outdoor recreation community, we write to share our thanks and strong support for the Northwest California Wilderness, Recreation, and Working Forests Act (S. 1100 / H.R. 2250).

The Northwest California Wilderness, Recreation, and Working Forests Act was crafted after years of input from business leaders, conservationists, anglers, mountain bikers, fire management professionals, and more, and we appreciate your efforts to consider the needs of a broad array of regional stakeholders in developing this legislation. Because of it, the bill benefits the region's public lands, local communities, and the millions of visitors who come to experience northwest California's storied outdoor recreation. This bill secures a vision of well-balanced, landscape-scale conservation, promotes restoration of impacted watersheds, and improves fire management.

This bill will conserve approximately 262,000 acres of public land as Wilderness, designate 379 miles of new Wild and Scenic rivers, and create a special restoration area of more than 700,000 acres. From the fog-shrouded redwood forests of Humboldt County to the sunny oak woodlands and grasslands of Mendocino, and the soaring peaks of the Trinity Alps Wilderness to the turquoise waters of the Wild

and Scenic Smith River, this region is home to spectacular landscapes and world-renowned recreational opportunities.

In addition to protecting conservation values in the area, the bill would expand opportunities for sustainable recreation. With the establishment of the Elk Camp Ridge Recreation Trail, the bill would create a boon to northwest California by expanding mountain biking trails along the Elk Camp Ridge and in Del Norte County. It would permanently protect the South Fork Trinity River—a popular and valuable steelhead fishery—and study the feasibility of establishing the Bigfoot National Recreation Trail to highlight the botanical and biological diversity of the region. We greatly appreciate the bill’s attention to ensuring the protection and sound management of Wilderness climbing opportunities, as well as the inclusion of Land of the Lost—the closest sport climbing to Arcata and Eureka—in a special management area.

In addition to the bill’s new Wild & Scenic designations for whitewater resources on the East Fork North Fork Trinity and Canyon Creek, paddlers enthusiastically support the protection of more than 48,000 acres of public land within the proposed Wilderness areas surrounding already-designated Wild & Scenic watersheds on the Trinity, Eel, and Black Butte Rivers. Moreover, 25 whitewater river access points will be protected within proposed Wilderness and special restoration areas, and potential Wilderness areas will ensure boaters can continue to paddle along the banks of the lower portion of Redwood Creek surrounded by the tallest living trees in the world.

Adding lasting protections to our public land helps sustain the health of our environment and our outdoor recreation economy. In California, outdoor recreation generates \$92 billion in consumer spending and supports 691,000 jobs, \$30.4 billion in wages and salaries, and \$6.2 billion in state and local tax revenue. The Northwest California Wilderness, Recreation, and Working Forests Act is an investment in our economic future.

We appreciate your leadership on behalf of Northwest California’s wild places, and we look forward to working with you to move the bill across the finish line this Congress. Together, we can ensure the outdoor recreation economy and the wild places that sustain it continue to thrive in Northwest California for current and future generations.

Sincerely,



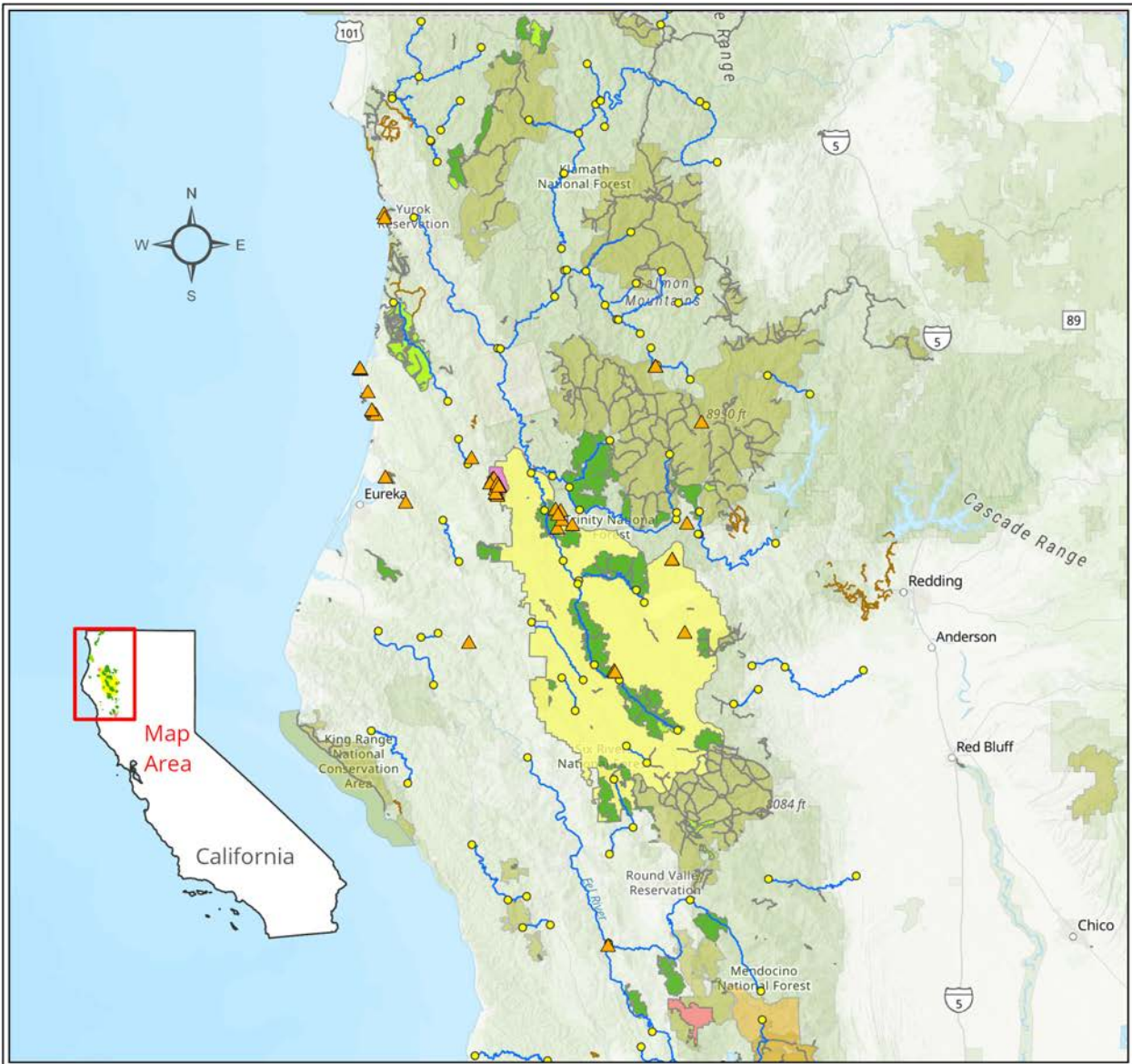
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Northwest California Wilderness, Recreation, and Working Forests Act

Proposed Designations

- Conservation Management Area
- Exclusion Area
- Potential Wilderness Area
- Proposed Wilderness Area
- Special Management Area
- Special Restoration Area

Designated Areas

- Wilderness Area
- National Monument

Recreation Resources

- Rock Climbing
- River Access
- Whitewater Paddling
- Mountain Biking Trail
- Hiking Trail

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Our Organizations

Outdoor Alliance

Outdoor Alliance is a coalition of ten member-based organizations representing the human powered outdoor recreation community. The coalition includes Access Fund, American Canoe Association, American Whitewater, International Mountain Bicycling Association, Winter Wildlands Alliance, The Mountaineers, the American Alpine Club, the Mazamas, Colorado Mountain Club, and Surfrider Foundation and represents the interests of the millions of Americans who climb, paddle, mountain bike, backcountry ski and snowshoe, and enjoy coastal recreation on our nation's public lands, waters, and snowscapes.

The Conservation Alliance

The Conservation Alliance is an organization of like-minded businesses whose collective contributions support grassroots environmental organizations and their efforts to protect wild places where outdoor enthusiasts recreate. Alliance funds have played a key role in protecting rivers, trails, wildlands and climbing areas. Membership in the Alliance is open to all companies who care about protecting our most threatened wild places for habitat and outdoor recreation. Since its inception in 1989, The Conservation Alliance has contributed more than \$21 million, helped to protect more than 51 million acres of wildlands; protect 3,107 miles of rivers; stop or remove 34 dams; designate five marine reserves; and purchase 14 climbing areas. For complete information on The Conservation Alliance, see www.conservationalliance.com.

Outdoor Industry Association

Outdoor Industry Association (OIA) is the national trade association for the outdoor industry and is the title sponsor of Outdoor Retailer, the largest outdoor products tradeshow in North America. OIA serves over 1,300 manufacturers, suppliers, and retailers through a focus on international trade and public lands and recreation policy, sustainable business innovation and outdoor participation.



July 9, 2019

The Honorable Deb Haaland, Chair
House Natural Resources Committee
National Parks, Forests and Public Lands Subcommittee

The Honorable Don Young, Ranking Member
House Natural Resources Committee
National Parks, Forests and Public Lands Subcommittee

Re: California sportsmen and women support H.R. 2250, the Northwest California Wilderness, Recreation, and Working Forests Act.

Dear Chair Haaland, Ranking Member Young, and members of the Subcommittee:

On behalf of the undersigned sportsmen's organizations and businesses, we write in support of H.R. 2250, the Northwest California Wilderness, Recreation, and Working Forests Act, which will be included in the subcommittee's legislative hearing on July 10, 2019.

Few areas in North America are as valuable for public lands fishing and hunting as the northwestern quadrant of California. Our nation's anglers and hunters depend on the habitat and public access infrastructure found in such landscapes for our fishing and hunting opportunities. For this reason, we strongly support H.R. 2250 and we applaud Rep. Huffman for his leadership in developing this bill, built over years of discussion with local stakeholders, including sportsmen and women.

H.R. 2250 addresses some of the primary current threats to the world-class fishing and hunting opportunities in northwest California, including the increase in uncharacteristically severe wildfire, threats to water quality and habitat from illegal marijuana cultivation, and the need for new and improved recreational infrastructure. More specifically, this legislation will help protect and restore some of the most famous steelhead and salmon fisheries in the world, including the Trinity, Eel, Mad and Mattole Rivers, as well as some of the best blacktail deer hunting grounds in California, through a combination of new land and water designations and landscape restoration activities.

One of the measures in HR 2250 that will help steelhead and salmon and sustain angling opportunities is establishment of a 730,000-acre Special Restoration Area in the South Fork Trinity River watershed and the Forest Service-managed portion of the Mad River watershed. In these areas there will be a rigorous restoration and wildfire reduction effort, including a dedicated program of individual tree-removal, especially in shaded fuel-breaks. This should also help protect water quality in these watersheds—large flushes of sediment from post-fire landscapes after storms can be one of the most significant impacts on salmon and steelhead habitat.

H.R. 2250 also includes measures to rehabilitate habitat degraded by illegal trespass marijuana grow operations, and to improve and construct new trails and other infrastructure to promote and expand recreational use.

We can't be passive about protecting our best remaining wild country and our nation's sporting legacy. The Northwest California Wilderness, Recreation and Working Forests Act is sensible, balanced legislation that will better protect and restore vital habitat for deer, elk, salmon and steelhead and water quality while enhancing outdoor recreation opportunities. We appreciate Rep. Huffman's commitment to safeguarding these values and strongly support passage of HR 2550 into law.

Sincerely,

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