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Rim of the Valley Corridor

In 2008, Congress directed the National Park Service to study the Rim of the Valley Corridor - a collection of mountainous areas encircling the San Fernando, Santa Clarita, Simi and Conejo Valleys. The study was designed to analyze the feasibility of designating the lands within the corridor as a unit of the existing Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area (SMMNRA). The Rim of the Valley Corridor Preservation Act (H.R. 4086) adopts the results of the study and expands the existing National Recreation Area.

H.R. 4086 will allow the National Park Service to invest federal resources in improving and preserving public access to nature, enhancing public education and recreation opportunities and participating in conservation and resource protection activities. Lands within National Recreation Areas are subject to private property rights as well as local land use authority. H.R. 4086 prohibits land acquisition by eminent domain.

The Rim of the Valley study area is an important resource to the County because

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nearly 47 percent of all Californians live within a two hour drive of its lands. The spaces within the Rim of the Valley include critical habitat for our County's beloved mountain lions, bobcats, fox, badger, and deer as well as many endangered species. The expanded boundaries would provide a vital bridge between our urban core and our magnificent wildlands. The historic Los Angeles River is included in the expanded boundaries which will bring valuable federal park resources and expertise to the revitalization efforts.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors send a five-signature letter to the Los Angeles County Congressional Delegation to respectfully request they support H.R. 4086, the Rim of the Valley Corridor Preservation Act, which would add more than 191,000 acres of the Rim of the Valley Corridor to the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area (SMMNRA).

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