On March 11, 2014 President Obama used his authority under the Antiquities Act of 1906 to establish a Point Arena-Stornetta Unit of the California Coastal National Monument. The Antiquities Act gives the President the power to establish national monuments by proclamation, without action by Congress. Legislation to add the Point Arena-Stornetta Unit was sponsored by our Senators Feinstein and Boxer, and Representatives Huffman and Thompson, but failed due to Conservative opposition. President Obama has invoked the Antiquities Act to establish nine other National Monuments (including Fort Ord).

The new addition to the California Coastal National Monument consists of 1,665 acres along the Mendocino County coastline, and, like the original monument, will continue to be managed by the Bureau of Land Management. The new section of the Monument will protect the area’s scientifically valuable coastal resources, including coastal bluffs and shelves, tide pools, onshore dunes, coastal prairies, riverbanks, and the mouth and estuary of the Garcia River.

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