CALIFORNIA’S NEWEST NATIONAL MONUMENT

On October 10, 2014 President Obama bypassed an inert Congress and used his authority under the Antiquities Act of 1906 to create the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument. This new national monument overlooking the Los Angeles Basin consists of 346,177 acres of high quality wilderness areas and many cultural and historic features. It is the 8th national monument under the management of the U.S. Forest Service. Most are managed by the National Park Service or the Bureau of Land Management. President Obama has now given national monument protection to more than 260 million acres of land and water, more than any other President. The rich native flora of the San Gabriels includes the Coulter pine (Pinus coulteri) and Bigcone Douglas Fir (Pseudotsuga macrocarpa). National monument status will give the native plants and ecosystems of the San Gabriels the best protective system available except for a National Park.

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