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BILLs FOR BERRYESSA SNOW MOUNTAIN NATIONAL MONUMENT

The environmentalist supported proposal to make the Berryessa Snow Mountain region a national monument has now become the subject of Congressional bills. On February 5, 2015 our Democratic Senators Diane Feinstein and Barbara Boxer teamed up with Democratic Representative Mike Thompson of St. Helena to introduce S. 393 and H.R. 761 to create the national monument. Unfortunately the bills do not have any Republican co-sponsors and the prospects for passage by the 114th Congress are not good. Bills to accomplish somewhat the same result by designating the area as a national conservation area were introduced in the 113th Congress. They, like several bills to create national monuments, failed to pass. It is unlikely that the more conservative 114th Congress will look with favor on creation of another national monument. We can, however, as noted in the February 2015 Pipevine, look to President Obama to use his authority under the Antiquities Act of 1906 (without action by Congress) to create the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument. As indicated in the February Pipevine, you can communicate with President Obama by:

- Writing to: The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington D. C. 20500,
- Sending email to: president@whitehouse.gov,
- Telephoning: (202) 456-1111.

The full text of bills and the Legislative Analyst’s summary are available on the California Legislature Information website (Click Link Here).

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