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BERRYESSA SNOW MOUNTAIN NATIONAL MONUMENT CREATED!

On July 10, 2015 President Obama proclaimed the creation of the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument. He acted under his Antiquities Act of 1906 authority because bills in Congress to establish the monument were stalled in committee.

The 330,789 acre Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument is comprised of BLM and Forest Service lands which are unique in their biological diversity, geology and cultural history. The Forest Service press release states that: “In the highest elevation Snow Mountain area, the biological diversity is among the richest in California.”

The BLM and Forest Service will jointly prepare a management plan for the new monument. Public input will be essential for a successful plan. Those interested in participating should contact the Mendocino National Forest at 825 North Humboldt Avenue, Willows, CA 95988 (Tel. 530-934-3316).

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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