**SOCIAL MEDIA SUPPORT- Protecting America’s Wilderness and Public Lands Act**

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**Overview:**

* The US House of Representatives is poised to vote on the Protecting America’s Wilderness and Public Lands Act*—* a package of conservation bills that will collectively protect 2.7 million acres of wild lands, waters, green space and recreation areas across the country. This would mark a huge win by protecting public lands near communities, helping combat the climate crisis and moving us closer to the critical effort of protecting 30% of lands and waters by 2030.

**The package includes the following eight bills:**

* **Colorado Wilderness Act:** Designates more than 600,000 acres of wilderness in 32 distinct areas across Colorado.
* **Grand Canyon Protection Act:** Protects almost one million acres of federal lands, north, and south of the iconic Grand Canyon National Park, from new mineral extraction activities, especially uranium mining.
* **Rim of the Valley Corridor Preservation Act:** Expandsthe boundary of Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area by roughly 191,000 acres to include sites ranging from the Santa Clarita Valley to Griffith Park
* **San Gabriel Mountains Foothills and Rivers Protection Act**: Establishes a National Recreation Area (NRA) in the foothills and along the San Gabriel River corridor, and designates over 30,000 acres of protected wilderness and 45.5 miles of wild and scenic rivers in Southern California.
* **Northwest California Wilderness, Recreation, and Working Forests Act:** Enhances and preserves the region’s special public lands, expand economic and recreational opportunities throughout the region, and preserve more than 261,000 acres of Wilderness, 379 miles of Wild and Scenic Rivers, and protect critical habitat designations for endangered salmon and steelhead.
* **Central Coast Heritage Protection Act**: Secures lasting protections for two of its key landscapes, the Los Padres National Forest and Carrizo Plain National Monument.
* **Wild Olympics Wilderness and Wild and Scenic Rivers Act**: Designates 126,000 acres of wilderness, the first new wilderness on the Olympic National Forest in nearly three decades, and add 464 miles of Wild and Scenic Rivers, the first-ever protected on the Olympic Peninsula.
* **Colorado Outdoor Recreation and Economy Act:** Protects 400,000 acres of public lands including 73,000 acres of new wilderness and roughly 80,000 acres of recreation and conservation management areas, including the designation of the first-ever National Historic Landscape for Camp Hale to honor the Army’s famed 10th Mountain Division.

**And these amendments:**

* **Outdoors for All Act:** Permanently authorizes the Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership program under which the Department of the Interior may award grants for equity-focused parks, recreation, and green space projects.
* **Great Dismal Swamp:** Directs the Secretary of the Interior to assess the suitability and feasibility of designating the Great Dismal Swamp and its associated sites as a National Heritage Area.
* **Environmental Justice in Recreational Permitting Act:** Increases access to public lands for all communities and fights environmental injustice.
* **George Washington National Forest:** Adds a part of the George Washington and Jefferson National Forest (in Virginia, West Virginia, and Kentucky) to the Rough Mountain Wilderness and the Rich Hole Wilderness.
* **Veterans Outdoors**: Encourages the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to ensure service members and veterans have access to these public lands for outdoor recreation and wellness programs.

**Hashtags:**

* #ProtectPublicLands
* #Protect30x30
* #ActOnClimate

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New amendments: @RepRashida, @Donald\_McEachin, @RepSpanberger, @RepElaineLuria, @BobbyScott, @GKButterfield, @RepAnthonyBrown

**PRE VOTE SOCIAL for whole package:**

**Twitter:**

* EXCITING NEWS! The House is set to vote on a package to protect public lands, waters and connect people to nature. Scientists tell us public lands are KEY to fighting the climate crisis, and we need to protect 30% of lands by 2030. Thank you @NRDems! #Protect30x30
* HUGE! The @NRDems have set the House to vote on legislation that will protect 2.7 million acres of lands, waters and green space! Community-driven conservation will be KEY to fighting the climate crisis. #Protect30x30
* THX @RepRaulGrijalva, @RepDianaDeGette, @RepHuffman, @repjudychu, @RepCarbajal, @RepAdamSchiff, @repneguse, @RepBarragan, @RepDerekKilmer for your leadership in protecting lands, improving outdoor access & fighting the climate crisis w/ the PAW+ Act!

***Facebook/ Instagram:***

* Let’s seize this opportunity to protect America’s wilderness! Landmark legislation to protect more public lands throughout the country is set for a vote in the House later this week. Urge your Rep. to champion climate and public lands by voting yes on PAW+, The Protecting America’s Wilderness and Public Lands Act!
* On Friday, the House will vote on a MAJOR conservation bill that will help us reach our goal to protect 30% of lands and waters by 2030! The Protecting America’s Wilderness and Public Lands Act will help us to fight climate change and the extinction crisis, all while benefiting our communities! #ProtectPublicLands #Protect30x30 #OutdoorsForAll
* Science says that we must protect 30% of lands and waters by 2030! The Protecting America’s Wilderness and Public Lands Act, set for a vote later this week, will help us get closer to those goals by protecting 2.7 millions of acres of public lands throughout the country. #ProtectPublicLands #Protect30x30

**PRE VOTE SOCIAL for individual bills:**

***California bills-***

* MAJOR momentum to #ProtectCAPublicLands! The House is set to vote on a bill package that would protect more than 1 million acres of public lands and well over 500 miles of rivers throughout CA. TY [@RepHuffman](https://twitter.com/RepHuffman), [@repjudychu](https://twitter.com/RepJudyChu), [@RepCarbajal](https://twitter.com/RepCarbajal), [@RepAdamSchiff](https://twitter.com/RepAdamSchiff) for championing these bills!

***Rim of the Valley Corridor Preservation Act [CA]:***

* .@RepAdamSchiff’s Rim of the Valley bill will double the size of SoCal's @SantaMonicaMtns, increase access to green space for local communities and protect wildlife! Thank you Rep. Schiff! #ProtectPublicLands

***San Gabriel Mountains Foothills and Rivers Protection Act [CA]****:*

* Thank you @RepJudyChu for continuing to champion protections for the #SanGabrielMountains, and for working to expand equitable access for Angelenos and visitors to the region. It’s time to #ProtectCAPublicLands!

***CORE Act [CO]:***

* Thanks to @RepJoeNeguse's leadership, the #COREAct will get a House vote this week! We're one step closer to protecting the San Juan Mountains, Thompson Divide and Continental Divide and Camp Hale for future generations!

***Wild Olympics [WA]:***

* Thank you to @repderekkilmer for his important efforts to protect Washington’s Wild Olympics-- benefiting our water, fish habitat and climate. Protecting America’s Wilderness Act is up for vote in the House today. Thank you, Rep. Kilmer! #ProtectPublicLands #WildOlympics

***Colorado Wilderness Act [CO]:***

* The CO Wilderness Act, protecting more than 600,000 acres across CO, is in the Protecting America’s Wilderness Act! Preserving this land will help protect 30% of lands by 2030 to fight the climate crisis. Thank you @RepDianaDeGette! #ProtectPublicLands

***Central Coast Heritage Protection Act [CA]:***

* Thank you @RepCarbajal for the Central Coast Heritage Protection Act that would safeguard 250,000 acres of public land in the Los Padres National Forest and Carrizo Plain National Monument! This is huge for climate, wildlife and communities. #ProtectPublicLands

***Outdoors for All Act [introduced in CA, national]:***

* The #OutdoorsForAll Act would expand equitable access to the outdoors for communities that need it the most. Thank you for making the health, environmental and restorative benefits of green space more available for all with this bill, @RepBarragan!

***Environmental Justice in Recreational Permitting Act [introduced in MI, national]:***

* Thanks to @RepRashida for championing the Environmental Justice in Recreational Permitting Act-- moving us a step closer to making sure recreational permitting on federal lands equitably benefits everyone in America.

***Great Dismal Swamp [VA]:***

* The Great Dismal Swamp was a safe harbor for many escaping slavery, and an irreplaceable hub of Black & Indigenous history. Thank you @Donald\_McEachin, @RepElaineLuria, @BobbyScott & @GKButterfield for working to protect this integral part of this nation’s history.

***Virginia Wilderness Additions [VA]***

* Thank you @RepSpanberger & @RepElaineLuria for supporting 5,000 acres of expanded #wilderness in Virginia! Your efforts preserve black bear habitat, protect water quality around the pristine Cowpasture River, & provide expanded recreational benefits for surrounding communities.

***Grand Canyon Protection Act [AZ] :***

* Toxic uranium pollution is forever. @RepRaulGrijalva legislation to #ProtectGrandCanyon, will safeguard the region’s waters and communities from toxic uranium mining. #KeepitGrand

***Veterans Outdoors******[introduced in MD, national]:***

* Thank you @RepAnthonyBrown for working to increase access to the outdoors for our nation’s veterans and servicemembers. This will accelerate healing for service-related trauma, and allow more people to reap the benefits of nature!

**POST VOTE SOCIAL:**

***Twitter:***

* BIG NEWS: The House just passed a landmark conservation bill that will protect more wildlands, rivers, and green space! This will be huge in our effort to protect 30% of lands & waters by 2030. The Senate must pass this bill to #ActOnClimate!
* VICTORY! Lands, waters, wildlife and communities just earned MAJOR protections as the House passed the Protecting America’s Wilderness and Public Lands Act!
* Major win to #ProtectCAPublicLands! The House just voted to protect public lands & rivers throughout the state, increase equitable access to nature, & promote climate resilience. We’re excited to work with @AlexPadilla4CA and @SenFeinstein to pass these bills through the Senate!
* What will the Protecting America’s Wilderness and Public Lands Act (or PAW Act) do?

🐾Protect more wildlands, rivers, & green spaces

🐾Help fight the extinction crisis

🐾Help fight climate change

🐾 Increase access to nature

🐾 So! Much! More!

**Facebook:**

* This is HUGE! The House just passed a major package of 8 conservation bills that together will protect 2.7 million acres of wildlands, wilderness, rivers, and green space! This will boost health and local economies, and help us fight the climate and extinction crises. #ProtectPublicLands
* 🚨WIN ALERT🚨 The House just passed a major conservation bill that will help get us to the goal to protect 30% of lands and waters by 2030. The Protecting America’s Wilderness and Public Lands Act will help us to fight climate change and the extinction crisis, all while benefiting our communities! #ProtectPublicLands #Protect30x30
* The Protecting America’s Wilderness and Public Lands Act (or PAW Act 🐾🐾🐾) was just passed through the House. This package of 8 conservation bills is a huge win for communities, the climate, wildlife and wilderness! #ProtectPublicLands #Protect30x30

**Instagram:**

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* Science says that we must protect 30% of lands and waters by 2030! The Protecting America’s Wilderness and Public Lands Act will help us get closer to those goals by protecting more public lands throughout the country. #ProtectPublicLands #Protect30x30