



Mendocino County

Legislation Text

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To: Board of Supervisors

From: Supervisor Brown and Supervisor Croskey

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Item Type: Consent Agenda

Time Allocated for Item: N/A

Agenda Title:

Approval to Transmit Letter Opposing Review of the Designation of Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument (Sponsors: Supervisors Brown and Croskey)

Recommended Action/Motion:

Approve transmittal of letter opposing review of the designation of Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument; and authorize Chair to sign same.

Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:

On December 2, 2014 the Board of Supervisors approved a letter in support of designating the Berryessa Snow Mountain Region as a National Monument.

Summary of Request:

On April 26, 2017 President Donald Trump issued an Executive Order on the Review of Designations Under the Antiquities Act. Section 1 of the Executive Order states: "Designations of national monuments under the Antiquities Act of 1906, recently recodified at sections 320301 to 320303 of title 54, United States Code (the "Antiquities Act" or "Act"), have a substantial impact on the management of Federal lands and the use and enjoyment of neighboring lands. Such designations are a means of stewarding America's natural resources, protecting America's natural beauty, and preserving America's historic places. Monument designations that result from a lack of public outreach and proper coordination with State, tribal, and local officials and other relevant stakeholders may also create barriers to achieving energy independence, restrict public access to and use of Federal lands, burden State, tribal, and local governments, and otherwise curtail economic growth. Designations should be made in accordance with the requirements and original objectives of the Act and appropriately balance the protection of landmarks, structures, and objects against the appropriate use of Federal lands and the effects on surrounding lands and communities." The Executive Order further states: "The Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) shall conduct a review of all Presidential designations or expansions of designations under the Antiquities Act made since January 1, 1996, where the designation covers more than 100,000 acres, where the designation after expansion covers more than 100,000 acres, or where the Secretary determines that the designation or expansion was made without adequate public outreach and coordination with relevant stakeholders, to determine whether each designation or expansion conforms to the policy set forth in section 1 of this order."

The Executive Order requires the Department of the Interior to review many national monument designations; including Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument. A portion of the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument is in Mendocino County. The Board of Supervisors has previously supported the designation of Berryessa Snow Mountain Region as a National Monument. Supervisors Brown and Croskey are requesting that the Board of Supervisors approves this letter to oppose review of designations of Berryessa Snow Mountain Region as a National Monument.

Alternative Action/Motion:

Do not approve letter.

Supplemental Information Available Online at: N/A

Fiscal Impact:

Source of Funding: N/A

Budgeted in Current F/Y: N/A

Current F/Y Cost: N/A

Annual Recurring Cost: N/A

Supervisory District: District 1, 3, and 4

Vote Requirement: Majority

Agreement/Resolution/Ordinance Approved by County Counsel: N/A

CEO Liaison: Janelle Rau, Deputy CEO

CEO Review: Yes

Comments: