



# Huffman Northern California Public Lands Bill

## Section by Section Summary

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This legislation will protect important wild places and pristine streams on federal lands, restore forests and fish habitat, benefit local economies, enhance recreational opportunities, and protect communities by reducing fire-danger. It will not limit hunting or fishing, close any legally open roads or trails to vehicles, or affect access to or the use of private property.

### **Title I: Restoration and Economic Development**

This title restores historically damaged forests and watersheds on public lands. Specifically, it:

- **Designates a 700,000-acre Special Restoration Area** in the South Fork Trinity River watershed and the Forest Service-portion of the Mad River watershed in Trinity and Humboldt counties.
- **Restores public lands affected by illegal trespass marijuana grows** by establishing a partnership of federal, state, and local entities. When illegal growing sites are fully cleaned up and restored, they are far less likely to be used again for trespass cultivation.
- **Authorizes the construction of an interagency visitor center in Trinity County.** This center would interpret the natural, historical, and cultural resources of the Whiskeytown-Shasta-Trinity National Recreation Area.
- **Requires federal agencies to cooperate and coordinate fire management** in northwestern California's wilderness areas.

### **Title II: Recreation**

This title focuses on improving recreation opportunities and trails in public lands for residents and visitors. Specifically, it:

- **Designates the Horse Mountain Special Management Area**, and directs the development of a comprehensive plan for the long-term management of it.
- **Explores the possibility of establishing the "Bigfoot National Recreation Trail"** that will highlight the immense ecological diversity of this region's ancient forests and other unique landscapes.
- **Designates the Elk Camp Ridge Recreation Trail and directs a Trails Study**, that would explore ways to improve motorized and non-motorized recreation trail opportunities (including mountain bicycling).
- **Authorizes the construction of specified mountain biking routes in Del Norte County**

### **Title III: Conservation**

By designating lands as "wilderness" and rivers as "wild & scenic", this title provides the strongest levels of federal protection to old-growth forests and endangered salmon and steelhead river habitat in this region. Specifically, it:

- **Expands nine existing wilderness areas and establishes ten new ones.**
- **Designates over 300 miles of new wild & scenic rivers**, and mandates federal agencies to create management plans for over 95 miles of currently state-designated wild & scenic rivers.
- **Establishes the Sanhedrin Conservation Management Area**, where the U.S. Forest Service would focus on conserving, protecting, and enhancing late-successional forest structure, oak woodlands, and grasslands.