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To include the Santa Cruz Redwoods Public Lands in the California Coastal National Monument as a part of the National Landscape Conservation System, and for other purposes.

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Ms. ESHOO introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; DEFINITIONS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
5 “California Coastal National Monument Santa Cruz Red-
6 woods Expansion Act”.

7 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

1 (1) MAP.—The term “map” means the map
2 created by the Bureau of Land Management, enti-
3 tled “Santa Cruz Redwoods California Coastal Na-
4 tional Monument Addition” and dated February 3,
5 2015.

6 (2) MONUMENT.—The term “Monument”
7 means the California Coastal National Monument
8 established by Presidential Proclamation 7264.

9 (3) SANTA CRUZ REDWOODS PUBLIC LANDS.—
10 The term “Santa Cruz Redwoods Public Lands”
11 means the Federal land comprising approximately
12 5,800 acres in Santa Cruz County, California, as
13 generally depicted on the map.

14 (4) PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION 7264.—The
15 term “Presidential Proclamation 7264” means Pres-
16 idential Proclamation Number 7264, dated January
17 11, 2000 (65 Fed. Reg. 2821).

18 (5) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
19 the Secretary of the Interior.

20 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS; PURPOSE.**

21 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

22 (1) the Santa Cruz Redwoods Public Lands
23 contain significant and diverse natural landscapes
24 including six watersheds, redwood and riparian for-
25 ests, freshwater wetlands, and rolling coastal terrace

1 grasslands in the Santa Cruz Mountains that should
2 be preserved for present and future generations;

3 (2) the Santa Cruz Redwoods Public Lands are
4 habitat for numerous wildlife populations including
5 endangered and rare species such as the California
6 red-legged frog, the American peregrine falcon, coho
7 salmon, and steelhead trout;

8 (3) the ocean and coastal ecosystems adjacent
9 to and visible from the Santa Cruz Redwoods Public
10 Lands are within the California Coastal Monument,
11 and contain habitat for endangered and unique ma-
12 rine species including gray whales, sea otters, and
13 harbor seals;

14 (4) the Santa Cruz Redwoods Public Lands
15 contain threatened vegetation communities such as
16 purple needlegrass and riparian red alder forest;

17 (5) the Santa Cruz Redwoods Public Lands and
18 surrounding coastal lands have been used by humans
19 since prehistoric times and were historically inhab-
20 ited by the native Ohlone people;

21 (6) the Santa Cruz Redwoods Public Lands are
22 historically associated with adjacent lands managed
23 for the enjoyment of current and future generations,
24 including Coast Dairies State Park and Wilder
25 Ranch State Park;

1 (7) the Santa Cruz Redwoods Public Lands
2 represent a model partnership where future manage-
3 ment can be successfully accomplished among the
4 Federal Government, State of California, Santa
5 Cruz County, local communities, and private land-
6 owners;

7 (8) permanent protection of the Santa Cruz
8 Redwoods Public Lands will provide important eco-
9 nomic benefits to surrounding communities, and has
10 broad public support in the community;

11 (9) the Santa Cruz Redwoods Public Lands will
12 make a significant addition to the California Coastal
13 National Monument and National Landscape Con-
14 servation System administered by the Bureau of
15 Land Management of the Department of the Inte-
16 rior; and

17 (10) statutory protection would ensure that the
18 Santa Cruz Redwoods Public Lands remain a part
19 of the historical, cultural, and natural heritage of
20 the United States and a source of inspiration for the
21 people of the United States.

22 (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this Act is to protect,
23 conserve, and enhance for the benefit and enjoyment of
24 present and future generations the unique and nationally
25 important historical, natural, cultural, scientific, edu-

1 cational, and scenic values of the Santa Cruz Redwoods
2 Public Lands, while allowing certain recreational and re-
3 search activities to continue.

4 **SEC. 3. EXPANSION OF CALIFORNIA COASTAL NATIONAL**
5 **MONUMENT.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—The boundary of the Monument
7 established by Presidential Proclamation 7264 is ex-
8 panded to include the Federal land shown on the map.

9 (b) MAP AND LEGAL DESCRIPTION.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable after
11 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary
12 shall create a map and boundary description of the
13 land added to the Monument by this Act.

14 (2) FORCE AND EFFECT.—The map and bound-
15 ary description described under paragraph (1) shall
16 have the same force and effect as if included in this
17 Act, except that the Secretary may correct any
18 minor errors in the map and boundary descriptions.

19 (3) AVAILABILITY OF MAP AND BOUNDARY DE-
20 SCRPTION.—The map and boundary description de-
21 scribed under paragraph (1) shall be on file and
22 available for public inspection in appropriate offices
23 of the Bureau of Land Management.

1 **SEC. 4. ADMINISTRATION.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to valid existing rights,
3 the Secretary shall manage the land added to the Monu-
4 ment by this Act—

5 (1) as a part of the Monument;

6 (2) by allowing only such uses of the Monument
7 as will further the purposes for which the Monument
8 is established; and

9 (3) in accordance with Presidential Proclama-
10 tion 7264.

11 (b) MANAGEMENT PLAN.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after
13 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary
14 shall finalize an amendment to the Monument man-
15 agement plan for the long-term protection and man-
16 agement of the land added to the Monument by this
17 Act.

18 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—The plan amendment
19 shall—

20 (A) be developed with an opportunity for
21 full public participation; and

22 (B) describe the appropriate uses and
23 management of the land consistent with this
24 Act.

25 (c) MOTORIZED AND MECHANIZED TRANSPORT.—
26 Except as needed for emergency or authorized administra-

1 tive purposes, the use of motorized and mechanized vehi-
2 cles in the Monument shall be permitted only on roads
3 and trails designated for their use.

4 (d) INCORPORATION OF LAND AND INTERESTS.—

5 (1) AUTHORITY.—The Secretary may acquire
6 non-Federal land or interests in land within or adja-
7 cent to the land added to the Monument by this Act
8 only through exchange, donation, or purchase from
9 a willing seller.

10 (2) MANAGEMENT.—Any land or interests in
11 land within or adjacent to the land added to the
12 Monument by this Act acquired by the United States
13 after the date of enactment of this Act shall be
14 added to and administered as part of the Monument.

15 (e) OVERFLIGHTS.—Nothing in this Act—

16 (1) restricts or precludes overflights, including
17 low-level overflights or military, commercial, and
18 general aviation overflights that can be seen or
19 heard within the land added to the Monument by
20 this Act;

21 (2) restricts or precludes the designation or cre-
22 ation of new units of special use airspace or the es-
23 tablishment of military flight training routes over
24 the land added to the Monument by this Act; or

1 (3) modifies regulations governing low-level
2 overflights above the adjacent Monterey Bay Na-
3 tional Marine Sanctuary.

4 (f) RESTORATION.—Nothing in this Act affects the
5 ongoing restoration and reclamation being performed pur-
6 suant to the December 2, 1968 lease between the Coast
7 Dairies and Land Company and the Lone Star Cement
8 Corporation, or under a renegotiation or renewal of that
9 lease, as long as such restoration and reclamation furthers
10 the purpose of the Monument described in section 2(b)
11 and is performed in accordance with—

12 (1) the National Environmental Policy Act of
13 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.); and

14 (2) any other applicable law.

15 (g) NATIVE AMERICAN USES.—Nothing in this Act
16 enlarges, diminishes, or modifies the rights of any Indian
17 Tribe or Indian religious community.

18 (h) BUFFER ZONES.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—The expansion of the Monu-
20 ment is not intended to lead to the establishment of
21 protective perimeters or buffer zones around the
22 land included in the Monument by this Act.

23 (2) ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE THE MONUMENT.—
24 The fact that activities outside the Monument can
25 be seen or heard within the land added to the Monu-

1 ment by this Act shall not, of itself, preclude those
2 activities or uses up to the boundary of the Monu-
3 ment.

4 (i) GRAZING.—Nothing in this Act affects the grazing
5 of livestock within the Santa Cruz Redwoods Public
6 Lands.

7 (j) WITHDRAWAL.—Subject to valid existing rights,
8 all Federal land within the Santa Cruz Redwoods expan-
9 sion to the Monument is withdrawn from—

10 (1) entry, appropriation, or disposal under the
11 public land laws;

12 (2) location, entry, and patent under the mining
13 laws; and

14 (3) leasing or disposition under all laws relating
15 to—

16 (A) minerals; and

17 (B) operation of the mineral leasing, min-
18 eral materials, and geothermal leasing laws.

19 (k) NATIONAL LANDSCAPE CONSERVATION SYS-
20 TEM.—The Secretary shall manage the Monument as part
21 of the National Landscape Conservation System.

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