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Bush Administration Says "No More Wilderness"

For long-time members of the California Wilderness Coalition, it's déjà vu all over again. Twenty years ago, the CWC's *Wilderness Record* reported that then-Interior Secretary James Watt had unilaterally stripped 1.5 million acres of Bureau of Land Management wildlands of their protected status as Wilderness Study Areas – a quarter million acres in California. Watt aimed to wipe out interim protections for these wilderness quality lands, before Congress could consider them for wilderness designation. Without the protections afforded a Wilderness Study Area, the lands would be literally "open for business," including mining, logging, drilling, and other development. And once the lands were scarred by those activities, they would be unsuitable for congressional wilderness designation. Luckily, groups like CWC led a public outcry, and by the fall of 1983 the *Wilderness Record* was reporting that a federal judge had successfully stopped James Watt's nefarious plot.

Now, in 2003, Interior Secretary Gale Norton is trying to do what her mentor, James Watt, failed to achieve. As you will read on the following pages, Secretary Norton has entered into a sweeping, sweetheart deal with the state of Utah that would eliminate the same Wilderness Study Areas across the West that James Watt took aim at two decades ago. In California, many of the very same wildlands that Watt unsuccessfully tried to open to development are again being stripped of their protections. And once again, wilderness advocates across the West have been forced to take the Interior Secretary to court to stop this illegal action. Hopefully, history will repeat itself in the courthouse too.

The good news is that Senator Barbara Boxer has again introduced the California Wild Heritage Act. Complemented by legislation introduced in the House of Representatives by California Congressmembers Hilda Solis and Mike Thompson, this historic proposal for wilderness and wild & scenic rivers would protect 87 unique and imperiled lands and 22 rivers containing hundreds of miles of critical salmon habitat. It includes deserts, mountains, coasts, and forests, giving people a thrilling array of opportunities to enjoy wilderness. Some of the Wilderness Study Areas that are now losing their protections would be rescued by these bills.

In order to get this legislation passed, CWC's organizers across the state continue to educate the public and policymakers about the importance and benefits of wilderness, engage local communities and governments to support the legislation, and work with the media to draw attention to these stunning wilderness areas. We're not kidding ourselves and thinking this bill will sail through this anti-environmental Congress and President. But we are heartened by last year's passage of the Big Sur Wilderness and Conservation Act, forever preserving over 56,000 acres along California's spectacular central coast. It's victories like that for California's environment that prove CWC's grassroots organizing really works!

Finally, this issue contains a new and improved version of CWC's annual California Wilderness Guide, a resource to help our members get out and enjoy wilderness areas in California. Whether you're looking for a weekend hike or a week-long backpack, or you just like knowing that these beautiful areas exist for future generations, CWC has compiled all the local regulations and contacts you need to plan your expeditions. We hope you can put the Wilderness Guide to good use this summer!



Mary L. Wells



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Our Mission

The California Wilderness Coalition's mission is to protect and restore California's wild places. CWC works toward a healthy future for Californians and our wild mountains and rivers, coasts and deserts, a future where wilderness, wildlands, and biodiversity are core values. For people who believe that wilderness holds a special place in the human spirit and has intrinsic value, the California Wilderness Coalition is the only statewide organization that brings together individuals and organizations in the vigorous defense of California's remaining wildlands.

front cover photo: Sheep Ridge, formerly a Wilderness Study Area. photo by C. S. Watson, Jr.



Secretary Norton strips BLM wildland protections

White House strikes a major blow against wilderness study areas

by Ryan Henson

In April, Interior Secretary Gale Norton agreed to a court settlement with the state of Utah that will have a tremendous impact on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) wildlands nationwide.

The state of Utah challenged current BLM wilderness inventory procedures in order to thwart protection efforts in that state. Prior to the settlement, the BLM was required to conduct a wilderness inventory of its lands when preparing local management plans. If the agency found that an area contained wilderness qualities, they would often grant it wilderness study area (WSA) status. Once a region was declared a WSA, the agency was then prohibited from "impairing" its wilderness values for a certain period of time. In effect, a WSA was then protected from most forms of development.

In California, there were 20 of these administratively designated



C.S. Watson, Jr.

The Milk Ranch Wilderness Study Area, located next to Sequoia-Kings Canyon National Parks, is potentially threatened by logging now that it has been stripped of its WSA status.

WSAs comprising 34,910 acres. There are other types of BLM WSAs, but fortunately they are not covered by the settlement.

Secretary Norton's settlement with the state of Utah means that:

1. No new wilderness surveys will be conducted during BLM planning efforts.

2. No new WSAs can be created by the BLM.

3. All existing administratively created WSAs are stripped of their protected status.

The former WSAs and potential new WSAs include some of California's most treasured wild places, including the Headwaters Forest Reserve, Cache Creek, Sawtooth Mountains, and Carrizo Plain. Several are proposed as wilderness in the California Wild Heritage Act. Secretary Norton's attack makes

it even more important that this bill pass soon.

Ironically, the notorious former Interior Secretary James Watt also tried to strip protection from most of the same areas during the Reagan years, only to be defeated by conservationists in court. But Norton is more skillful at avoiding negative press than the bungling Watt, and she is far more effective in advancing the White House's anti-wilderness agenda. Some speculate that her next attack will also use the courts to cleverly create new policy and undermine the remaining WSAs that are at least partially protected by Congress. There are over 940,000 acres of these WSAs in California.

CWC and other local and national conservation groups are seeking to overturn the Utah settlement in court and restore WSA protections throughout the West.

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WSAs that will be stripped of their protected status:

Agua Tibia	344
Bear Canyon	318
Bear Mountain	3,178
Big Butte	2,408
Black Mountain	150
Carson-Iceberg	550
Dome Land	40
Garcia Mountain	80
Kelso Creek Valley	120
Machessa Mountain	70
Milk Ranch-Case Mountain	8,970
Moses	558
San Ysidro Mountain	2,125
Sawtooth Mtns A	3,883
Sawtooth Mtns C	600
Scodie	420
Sheep Ridge	5,102
South Warner	4,330
Table Mountain	1,018
Yolla Bolly	646
TOTAL ACRES:	34,910

Potential new WSAs or additions to WSAs that won't be studied for WSA status now:

Berryessa Peak	9,120
Blue Ridge	10,880
Cache Creek WSA expansion	10,415
Caliente Mountain WSA expansion	15,000
Carrizo Plain	38,700
Headwaters Forest	5,885
King Range WSA expansion	3,098
Payne Ranch	8,566
Santa Rosa/San Jacinto Mountains	4,500
Walker Ridge	7,000
TOTAL* ACRES:	113,164

**Includes only those areas that are part of ongoing planning processes. The CWC has identified at least 689,000 additional acres of BLM roadless areas that should eventually have been evaluated for WSA status by the agency.*



California Wilderness Guide

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Welcome to the California Wilderness Guide!

California has a wealth of wilderness areas – so many that sometimes the most difficult part of planning a trip is narrowing down the possibilities. Whether it's a three-week trek or a weekend hike, planning your trip starts with the basics, and that means knowing where to go and what is and isn't allowed. To get you started, we surveyed the managers of the 144 state and federal wilderness, national park, and national monument areas you can visit in California.

Some regulations are universal and well-known. Bicycles and off-road vehicles (except wheelchairs) are prohibited from all wilderness areas, so you won't find that information listed for each entry. What you will find is:

- **Whether there's a quota** on the number of people allowed into the wilderness each day. Usually, the quota is in effect only during the peak summer recreation season, but some wilderness areas have quotas year-round. The quota may be on overnight use only, or on day and overnight use. The quota may apply to the entire wilderness or just the most popular trails.

- **Whether you need a permit** to enter the wilderness. Some of the most popular areas require permits for both day and overnight use. Permits are free, but there may be a charge to reserve a permit in areas that have quotas. If you are found without a permit in an area where permits are required, you can be cited.

- **If there's a party size limit** on how many people and pack or saddle stock can travel and camp together.

- **If fires are allowed.** You must have a state campfire permit, obtainable at any ranger station or park office, to have a fire on public land. Note that possession of a campfire permit does not authorize you to have a fire in an area where fires are restricted. Campfire permits may also be suspended on

short notice in areas that have received little rain. Where the risk of wildfire is high, you may be required to have a campfire permit to use a camp stove.

- **If pets are allowed.** Where pets are allowed, they must be under control, and in many wilderness areas dogs must be leashed. Pets are prohibited from wilderness areas in state and national parks.

- **Whether closures are in effect** for any portion of the wilderness. Closures may be needed to protect sensitive species or fragile ecosystems.

- **Who to contact for more information.** Because regulations can change suddenly in response to local conditions, contact the ranger district (RD), national forest (NF), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), or park office before you leave for your trip. This is especially important during fire season.

All wilderness managers now recommend or require "leave no trace" recreation. Among other things, that means camping well away from water sources and trails, carrying weed-free feed for stock, packing out all litter, not shortcutting switchbacks, and building campfires only with dead and downed wood in existing rings or pits or, better still, not at all. Also, in respect for archaeological sites, please leave them untouched.

In bear country, you may need to carry your food in a bear-proof canister. Canisters come in two sizes and can be rented at Sequoia-Kings Canyon and Yosemite national parks or purchased from the manufacturer, Garcia Machine.

You should assume that all water sources are contaminated with giardia or other microorganisms. Either boil water for five minutes or use an approved filter.

Wilderness maps can be purchased from the Forest Service and Park Service. Both agencies also have free handouts that will help you plan and enjoy your trip. Call, write, or visit one of the offices listed as contacts.

Enjoy...and leave no trace!



Front cover photo: Lake Italy in the John Muir Wilderness, by John Dittli.



Great Hike: Snow Mountain Wilderness

Trail name: Bearwallow Trail

Distance: 4 miles one-way

Difficulty: Easy to moderate

Best time to visit: Spring, early summer, or fall. Excellent flower displays in April-May.

Features: This is the lowest-elevation trail in the Snow Mountain Wilderness. Most visitors climb the double-peaked Snow Mountain itself, but this trail avoids most crowds by accessing the beautiful Middle Fork Stony Creek canyon. Ancient forest of oak, pine, and cedar combined with water and grasslands make for a wildlife paradise. As you might guess, this is an excellent place to see bears. In fact, a few years ago the sign at the trailhead was knocked down and used as a scratching post by some mischievous bruins. If you plan to stay overnight, make sure that you use bear-proof food containers or hang your food from a tree so these exceptionally wild bears do not get used to human chow. As a bonus, you may want to take the short, steep spur trail down to Stony Creek itself. It offers excellent swimming, and the Middle Fork is a state-designated "Blue Ribbon Wild Trout Stream" because of its outstanding native fishery.

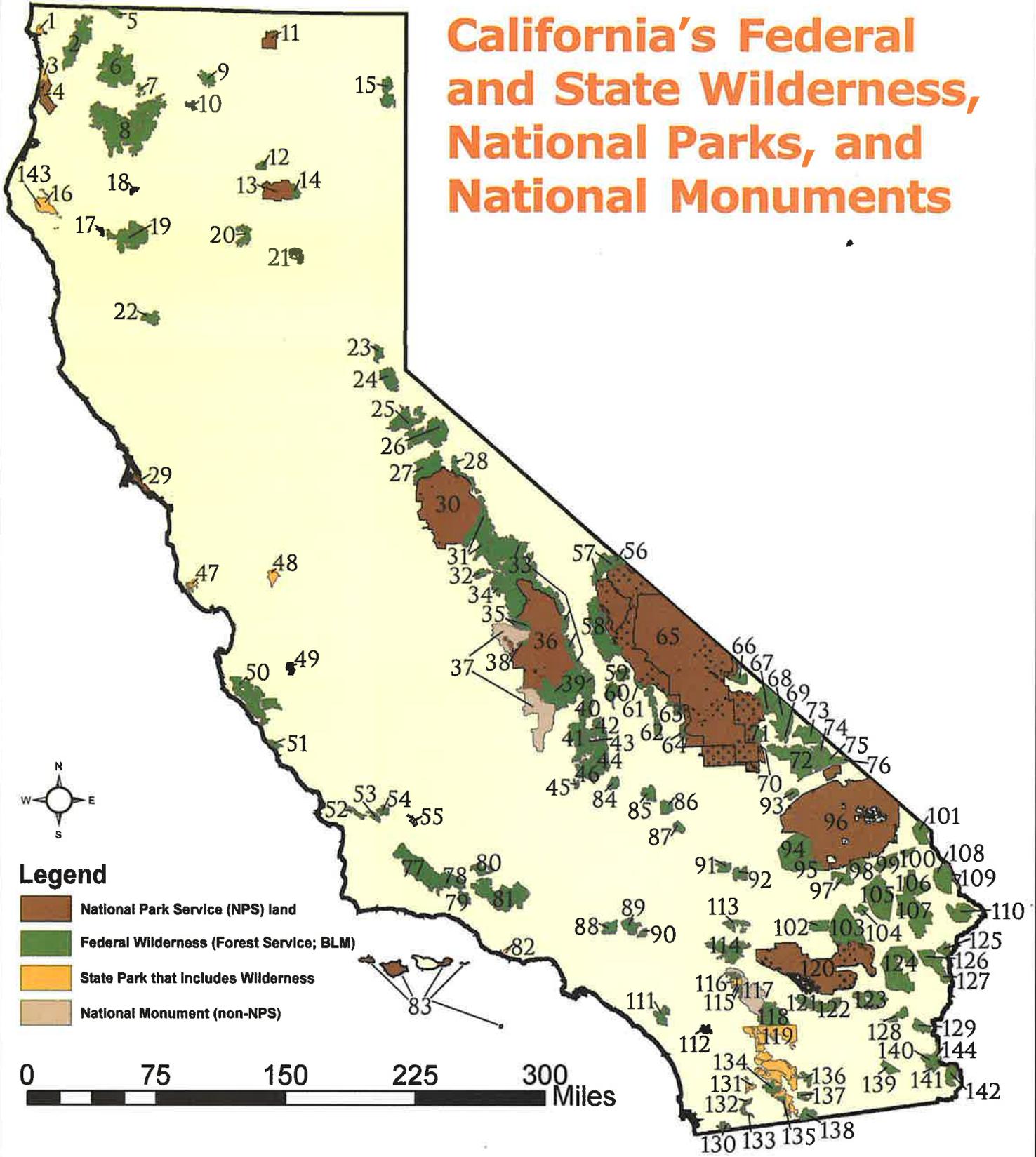
Directions to trailhead: From I-5 at Willows, take Highway 162 west for 21 miles to Elk Creek. Turn south and drive 15 miles to Stonyford. Head west on Fouts Springs Road for 8 miles, then turn right (north) on Forest Road 18N06. Take 18N06 north until you see the trailhead sign on your left (unless the bears have knocked it down again).

Left: oak woodland in an addition to the Snow Mountain Wilderness proposed by Senator Barbara Boxer in the California Wild Heritage Act.



Jim Rose

California's Federal and State Wilderness, National Parks, and National Monuments



Map by Laura Kindsvater



Key to Map

- 1 - Redwood Heritage State Wilderness in Jedediah Smith State Park
- 2 - Siskiyou
- 3 - Murrelet State Wilderness in Prairie Creek State Park
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- 104 - Cadiz Dunes
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- 113 - Bighorn Mountain
- 114 - San Geronio
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- 116 - Mount San Jacinto State Wilderness
- 117 - Santa Rosa/San Jacinto Mountains National Monument
- 118 - Santa Rosa
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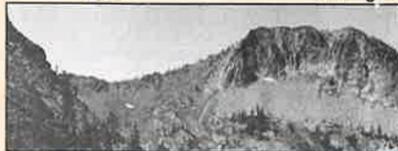


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Great blue heron in Matilija Wilderness.

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Northwest California

# on map	Name	Quota?	Permit needed?	Party size limit	Stock limit	Fires allowed?	Pets allowed?	Any areas closed?
16 143	Bull Creek & Carl Anderson/Humboldt Redwoods State Park	no	yes	7 per site	1 horse per guest in horse camps	no	developed areas only	no
10	Castle Crags	no	no	25	25	yes, but not recommended	yes	no
18	Chanelulla	no	no	10	10	seasonally restricted	if leashed	all areas are closed during snow season
6	Marble Mountain 	no	no	25	no limit	permit required for both stoves and fires	if under control	no
9	Mt. Shasta 	no	day and overnight	10	10	no	no	spring-fed meadows closed, except on trails; don't camp/wash/cook within 100' of streams or trails
3	Murrelet/Prairie Creek State Park	no	no	no limit	no limit	no	no	no
17	North Fork	no	no	25	25	seasonally restricted	if under control	no
5	Red Buttes	no	no	8	12	yes	if leashed	no camping within 100' of lakes
1	Redwood Heritage/Jedediah Smith State Park	no	no	8	20	no	no	no
4	Redwood National Park	no	yes, for camping or collecting wood along Redwood Creek	no limit	no limit	only in designated fire pits	not allowed on trails	Redwood Creek and Trestle trails: bridges removed in winter; no camping within 1/4 mile of Tall Trees Grove
7	Russian Peak	no	no	25	no limit	seasonally restricted	if under control	no
2	Siskiyou	no	no	12	9	seasonally restricted	if leashed	no
22	Snow Mountain	no	no	25	25	seasonally restricted	if leashed	no
8	Trinity Alps 	no	overnight	10	no limit	seasonally restricted; discouraged where sparse vegetation; may be restricted at high-use lakes	if under control	no
19	Yolla Bolly-Middle Eel	no	no	depends on location		seasonally restricted	if leashed	some parts of streams have permanent fishing closures (read regulations)

Notes	Contact	Web site
Fees may apply; trail camp stays limited to 3 nights; no guns, bows, or slingshots	Humboldt Redwoods State Park, Weott, (707) 946-2263 or (707) 946-2409	www.humboldtredwoods.org
Climbers may not place new bolts; pets not allowed on trails in state park; no shooting; camp/wash/cook 100' from water All trails renovated; scarce water	Mount Shasta RD, Shasta-Trinity NF, Mount Shasta, (530) 926-4511 Hayfork RD, Shasta-Trinity NF, Hayfork, (530) 628-5227 or Yolla Bolla RD, Shasta-Trinity NF, Plafina, (530) 352-4211	www.r5.fs.fed.us/shastatrinity/ www.r5.fs.fed.us/shastatrinity/
No shooting near campsites; before July 1 bring feed for stock; bring certified weed-free feed for stock	Scott River RD, Klamath NF, Fort Jones, (530) 468-5351 or Happy Camp RD, Klamath NF, Happy Camp, (530) 493-2243 or Orleans RD, Six Rivers NF, Orleans, (530) 627-3291	www.fs.fed.us/r5/klamath/recreation/wilderness/marbles/index.shtml
No overnight stock use; no target shooting; no guns on Sierra Club land; visitors must pack out human waste (bags provided); fees may apply	Mount Shasta RD, Shasta-Trinity NF, Mount Shasta, (530) 926-4511	www.fs.fed.us/r5/shastatrinity/recreation/smmu/index.shtml and www.shastaavalanche.org
Fees may apply; no guns; day use only in wilderness	Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park, Orick, (707) 464-6101 ext. 5100 Mad River RD, Six Rivers NF, Bridgeville, (707) 574-6233	www.parks.ca.gov/default.asp?page_id=415 www.fs.fed.us/r5/sixrivers/recreation/ www.fs.fed.us/r6/rogue/wilderness_redbutte.html
NW Forest Pass required for parking at designated trailheads; carry water in summer; no shooting over lakes	Applegate RD, Jacksonville, OR; (541) 899-3800 or Rogue River NF, Medford, OR; (541) 858-2200	 www.parks.ca.gov/default.asp?page_id=413
Fees may apply; no guns; day use only in wilderness	Jedediah Smith State Park, Crescent City, (707) 464-6101 ext. 5100	www.parks.ca.gov/default.asp?page_id=413
No firearms or motorized vehicles on trails; be aware of bears; camping limited to 5 consecutive days and 15 total days	Redwood National and State Parks, Crescent City, (707) 464-6101 or REDW_Information@nps.gov	www.nps.gov/redw
Bring certified weed-free feed for stock	Scott River RD, Klamath NF, Fort Jones, (530) 468-5351	www.fs.fed.us/r5/klamath/recreation/wilderness/russian/index.shtml
NW Forest Pass fee may apply; terrain not amenable to stock; hay or unprocessed grain (for stock) prohibited; watch for rattlesnakes; no shooting within 150 yards of campsite or occupied area No camping on private lands within wilderness; no shooting except in hunting season	Happy Camp RD, Klamath NF, Happy Camp, (530) 493-2243 or Orleans RD, Six Rivers NF, Orleans, (530) 627-3291 Mendocino NF, Stonyford, (530) 963-3128	www.fs.fed.us/r6/siskiyou/siswild.htm www.fs.fed.us/r5/mendocino/recreation/wild/sm.html
Bears frequent trailhead parking lots; check on status of trails and roads; bring certified weed-free feed for stock	Weaverville RD, Shasta-Trinity NF, Weaverville, (530) 623-2121 or Scott River RD, Klamath NF, Fort Jones, (530) 468-5351 or Lower Trinity RD, Six Rivers NF, Willow Creek, (530) 629-2118	www.fs.fed.us/r5/shastatrinity/recreation/trmu/taw.shtml 
Keep food out of reach of bears; mountain lions also present; Shasta-Trinity areas are closed during snow season	Covelo RD, Mendocino NF, Covelo, (707) 983-6118 or Corning RD, Mendocino NF, Corning, (530) 824-5196 or Yolla Bolla RD, Shasta-Trinity NF, Plafina, (530) 352-4211 or Mad River RD, Six Rivers NF, Bridgeville, (707) 574-6233; call (530) 926-9613 for current route, snow, and weather conditions	www.fs.fed.us/r5/mendocino/recreation/wild/yb.html and www.fs.fed.us/r5/shastatrinity/

Northeast California

# on map	Area name	Quota?	Permit needed?	Party size limit	Stock limit	Fires allowed?	Pets allowed?	Any areas closed?
14	Caribou	no	no	25	25	seasonally restricted	if leashed	possible due to fire danger
20	Ishi 	no	no	25	25	seasonally restricted	if leashed	possible due to fire danger
13	Lassen Volcanic National Park 	no	overnight	20	10 (day use only)	no	no	some areas closed to camping, fishing or stock; list is provided with permit
11	Lava Beds National Park	no	no	no limit	no limit	no	no	possible due to fire danger; specific caves may be closed; no camping in caves, within 50 yards of a cave entrance, within 100 yards of a trail, or within one mile of any developed area or road
15	South Warner 	no	no	25	25	yes	if under control	no shooting or firearms in state game refuge
12	Thousand Lakes	no	no	25	no limit	allowed, except in dry areas	if under control	no 

Sierra Nevada

31	Ansel Adams	overnight	overnight	15	25	no wood fires above 10,000' or where camping restrictions	if under control	camp at least 100' from lakes; camping restrictions on Rainbow, Lillian, Cora and Sadler Lakes
45	Bright Star	no	no	no limit	no limit	seasonally restricted	if leashed	no
21	Bucks Lake	no	no	25	25	yes	yes	closed to commercial outfitting and guiding
26	Carson-Iceberg 	no	overnight	15	25	no campfires where wood is scarce, don't build new fire rings, stoves preferred	if leashed or under voice command	no overnight stock holding at Sword and Lost Lakes; no camping within 100' of water
43	Chimney Peak	no	no	15	25	seasonally restricted	if leashed	no
24	Desolation 	overnight (May 23 - Sept. 30)	day and overnight	12	2 stock per person, max 12 stock per group	no; campstoves OK	if leashed	no 

Notes	Contact	Web site
	Almanor RD, Lassen NF, Chester, CA; (530) 258-2141	www.fs.fed.us/r5/lassen/recreation/wilderness/caribou.shtml
Closed to guns and shooting because game refuge, trail projects planned along Mill Creek in 2003	Almanor RD, Lassen NF, Chester, CA; (530) 258-2141	www.fs.fed.us/r5/lassen/recreation/wilderness/ishi.shtml
Entrance fee; strongly advise obtaining info before arriving, due to cutbacks it may be difficult to obtain a permit in person; no overnight stock use; no weapons; camping limited to 14 days; hang food and garbage; bury human waste 6" deep, 100' from park waters; camp at least 300' from other groups, 100' from high water marks, and one mile from developed areas	Lassen Volcanic National Park, Mineral, CA; (530) 595-4444; TDD phone for the deaf (530) 595-3480; (530) 335-7029 for corral reservations	www.nps.gov/lavo/ 
Carry water (be prepared for no shade or available water); no stoves during high fire danger; entry and camping fees; no guns or shooting	Lava Beds National Monument, Tulelake, CA; (530) 667-2282 ext. 232; labe_administration@nps.gov	www.nps.gov/labe/
Blue Fire (Aug. 2001) burned 7,000 acres at the south end; East Creek and Patterson trailheads affected; use caution on East Creek Trail and in burned areas.	Warner Mountain RD, Modoc NF, Cedarville, CA; (530) 279-6116	www.fs.fed.us/r5/modoc/recreation/swwilderness/index.shtml
No shooting across trails	Hat Creek RD, Lassen NF, Fall River Mills, CA; (530) 336-5521	www.fs.fed.us/r5/lassen/recreation/wilderness/thoulakes.shtml

Proper food storage required; reservation fee for permit; shooting allowed only for game	Mono Lake RD, Inyo NF, Lee Vining, CA; (760) 647-3000 or Mammoth RD, Inyo NF, Mammoth Lakes, CA; (760) 924-5500 or Bass Lake RD, Sierra NF, North Fork, CA; (559) 877-2218 ext. 3136 for general info or ext. 0 for permits. For Inyo NF wilderness reservations, contact Wilderness Reservations, Inyo NF, 873 North Main, Bishop, CA 93513.	www.fs.fed.us/r5/inyo/wild/wildpermits.html
Carry water	BLM, Ridgecrest, CA; (760) 384-5400	www.ca.blm.gov/ridgecrest/brghtstr.html
Carry water	Mt. Hough RD, Plumas NF, Quincy, CA; (530) 283-0555	www.fs.fed.us/r5/plumas/recreation/
Bear canisters recommended; no target shooting; please take only small groups to less-traveled parts of wilderness; obtain permit at NF office nearest your point of entry; overnight stock & campfires will be restricted in Sword & Lost lakes in 2004; weed-free feed for stock; dispose of waste at least 200' from water.	Calaveras RD, Stanislaus NF, Hathaway Pines, CA; (209) 795-1381 or Summit RD, Stanislaus NF, Pinecrest, CA; (209) 965-3434 or Carson RD, Humboldt-Toiyabe NF, Carson City, NV; (702) 882-2766	www.fs.fed.us/r5/stanislaus/visitor/carson.shtml and www.fs.fed.us/htnf/iceberg.htm
14-day limit; carry water	BLM, Bakersfield, CA; (661) 391-6000	www.ca.blm.gov/bakersfield/wilderness.html
Fees may apply; parking fee at Eagle Falls and Pyramid Creek trailheads	Eldorado NF, Camino, CA; (530) 644-6048 or Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, South Lake Tahoe, CA; (530) 573-2600	www.fs.fed.us/r5/eldorado/wild/deso/index.html 

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34	Dinkey Lakes	overnight	overnight	15	25	yes, except above 10,400'	if under control; leash recommended	no
41	Dome Land	no	no	15	25	seasonally restricted	if leashed	no
27	Emigrant	no	overnight	15	25; no holding of more than 4 head of stock within 1/4 mile of certain lakes	prohibited above 9000' and within 1/2 mile of Emigrant Lake, no fires when wood scarce, don't build new rings	if under control	no camping within 100' of water
								
37	Giant Sequoia National Monument	no	overnight (in Golden Trout Wilderness)	15 (in wilderness areas only)	25 (in wilderness areas only)	seasonally restricted	yes	no
39	Golden Trout	some areas (contact Inyo NF)	overnight	15	25	seasonally restricted	if leashed	no
23	Granite Chief	no	no	12	12 (day), 8 (overnight)	yes	if leashed; no dogs May 15 to July 15 in game refuge	no camping/fires within 600' of Five Lakes Basin; no stock within 600' of any lake; no camping/fires within 250' of Whiskey Creek cabins
28	Hoover	overnight (June 28 to Sept. 15)	overnight	15 (Sawtooth Ridge zone; 8 people)	25	yes, except in: Sawtooth Ridge zone, Barney and Peeler Lakes, and above 9000'	if leashed; prohibited in some areas	No camping within 100' of Barney Lake
38	Jennie Lakes	no	no	15	25	yes	if under control	no
33	John Muir	day (Whitney zone) and overnight May 1 to Nov. 1	day (Whitney zone) and overnight	depends on location	depends on location	prohibited in some locations	yes, except in bighorn habitat (check with ranger)	stock excluded from Mt. Whitney drainage and Meysan Lakes trail; no camping at Trailside Meadow or Mirror Lake
								
32	Kaiser	overnight	overnight	15	25	yes	if under control	No camping within 200' of upper and lower Twin and Nellie Lakes
46	Kiavah	no	no	15	25	seasonally restricted	if leashed	Camp at least 100' from water
35	Monarch	no	overnight (Sierra NF)	15	25	yes	no	no

Notes	Contact	Web site
No target shooting; reservation fee; bear boxes not available, so use canisters; camp 100' from water; stoves recommended	(summer only) Dinkey Ranger Station, Dinkey Creek; (559) 841-3404 or High Sierra RD, Sierra NF, Prather; (559) 855-5360	www.fs.fed.us/r5/sierra/recreation/wilderness/index.shtml
No target shooting; carry water; watch for snakes	Cannell Meadow RD, Sequoia NF, Kernville; (760) 376-3781 or BLM, Bakersfield; (661) 391-6000.	www.fs.fed.us/r5/sequoia/recreation/wilderness.html and www.ca.blm.gov/bakersfield/wilderness.html
Bear canisters recommended; no target shooting; please take only small groups to less traveled parts of wilderness; dispose of waste at least 200' from water; no guns in Picayune Valley or Middle Fork American River area	Summit RD, Stanislaus NF, Pinecrest; (209) 965-3434.	www.fs.fed.us/r5/stanislaus/visitor/emigrant.shtml
		
Camping and parking fees in some locations; Hume Lake RD has entrance fee; no ORV use off designated routes; no shooting near occupied dwellings, across water or near roads, campgrounds or administrative sites	Giant Sequoia NM, Sequoia NF, Porterville; (559) 784-1500.	www.fs.fed.us/r5/sequoia/gsnm.html
No target shooting (Inyo NF)	Mount Whitney RD, Inyo NF, Lone Pine; (760) 876-6200 or Cannell Meadow RD, Sequoia NF, Kernville; (760) 376-3781. For Inyo NF wilderness reservations, contact Wilderness Reservations, Inyo NF, 873 North Main, Bishop, CA 93513.	www.fs.fed.us/r5/inyo/recreation/wild/index.html and www.fs.fed.us/r5/sequoia/recreation/wilderness.html
No guns in Picayune Valley or in Middle Fork American River area	Truckee RD, Tahoe NF, Truckee; (530) 587-3558 or Foresthill RD, Tahoe NF, Foresthill; (530) 367-2224.	www.fs.fed.us/r5/tahoe/recreation/gchief.html
Camping at Barney Lake restricted to 1 night; reservation fee; no target shooting; food storage requirements in some areas	Bridgeport RD, Toiyabe NF, Bridgeport; (760) 932-7070 or Mono Lake Visitor Center, Inyo NF, Lee Vining; (760) 647-3044. For Inyo NF wilderness reservations, contact Wilderness Reservations, Inyo NF, 873 North Main, Bishop, CA 93513.	www.fs.fed.us/htnf/hoover.htm and www.fs.fed.us/r5/inyo/recreation/wild/index.html
Entrance fee to Sequoia-Kings Canyon National Parks	Hume Lake RD, Sequoia NF, Dunlap; (559) 338-2251.	www.fs.fed.us/r5/sequoia/recreation/wilderness.html
No target shooting; use bear canisters; special permit needed for Whitney zone; reservation fee for quota trails; east of Sierra crest, mandatory food storage at some sites	High Sierra RD, Sierra NF, Prather; (559) 855-5360 or Mt. Whitney RD, Inyo NF, Lone Pine; (760) 876-6200. For Inyo NF reservations, contact Wilderness Reservations, Inyo NF, 873 N. Main, Bishop 93513.	www.fs.fed.us/r5/inyo/recreation/wild/index.html and www.fs.fed.us/r5/sierra/recreation/wilderness/index.shtml
		
No target shooting or plinking; reservation fee; use bear canisters; camp away from water	High Sierra RD, Sierra NF, Prather; (559) 855-5360.	www.fs.fed.us/r5/sierra/recreation/wilderness/index.shtml
Carry water; watch for snakes; bury human waste 200' from water & 6" deep; completely extinguish fire and mix water with ashes	BLM, Ridgecrest; (760) 384-5400 or Cannell Meadow RD, Sequoia NF, Kernville; (760) 376-3781 or Greenhorn RD, Sequoia NF, Lake Isabella; (760) 379-5646.	www.ca.blm.gov/bakersfield/wilderness.html and http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/sequoia/recreation/wilderness.html
No target shooting; use stoves and bear canisters; carry water; entrance fee	Hume Lake RD, Sequoia NF, Dunlap; (559) 338-2251 or Kings River RD, Sierra NF, Sanger; (559) 855-8321.	www.fs.fed.us/r5/sequoia/recreation/wilderness.html and www.fs.fed.us/r5/sierra/recreation/wilderness/index.shtml
		

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25	Mokelumne 	no	overnight	12 (day), 8 (overnight)	12, except 4 per group in Mokelumne Canyon	yes, except in Carson Pass Management Zone, Blue Hole area, Mokelumne Canyon Zone and above 8000'; seasonally restricted	if under control; must be leashed in Carson Pass Management Area	<u>no camping within 300' of Emigrant Lake</u> (except for snow camping) 
36	Sequoia-Kings Canyon National Parks	day (Whitney zone only) & overnight	day (Whitney zone only) & overnight	25 (10 in Redwood Canyon)	25	depends on location	no	no
40	South Sierra	no	overnight	15	25	depends on location	if leashed	no
30	Yosemite National Park 	overnight	overnight	15 (8 cross-country)	25 (on trails) 	seasonally restricted 	no	no

Central Coast

82	Boney Mountain / Point Mugu State Park	no	no	recommend no more than 15	recommend no more than 15	no	no	possible during high fire danger
55	Carrizo Plain National Monument 	no	only for groups of 20 or more people or more than 5 vehicles	no limit	no limit	stoves preferred 	if leashed; no dogs allowed at Painted Rock 	1/4 mile of Sulphur Springs; Painted Rock is closed except by guided tour from 3/1 to 7/15; camp at least 200 yards from water; additional closures may apply possible; check with park staff
83	Channel Islands National Park	overnight	yes	limited by number of campsites	no stock allowed	no, except seasonally at Scorpion on Santa Cruz Island	no	
80	Chumash	no	no	25	25	seasonally restricted	if under control	no
78	Dick Smith	no	no	25	25	seasonally restricted	if under control	possible short closures due to fires
53	Garcia	no	no	25	25	seasonally restricted	must be leashed in campground	no
54	Machesna Mountain	no	no	25	25	seasonally restricted	must be leashed in campground	possible due to condor release site
79	Matilija	no	no	25	25	seasonally restricted	if leashed	no

Notes	Contact	Web site
Camping in Carson Pass Management Area in designated sites only; no camping within 200' of streams, trails, and high water mark of lakes; no target shooting or plinking; all visitors should obtain copy of wilderness regulations; dispose of human waste in holes 6-8" deep and 200' from water 	Amador RD, Eldorado NF, Pioneer; (209) 295-4251 or Carson RD, Humboldt-Toiyabe NF, Carson City, NV; (775) 882-2766 or Calaveras RD, Stanislaus NF, Hathaway Pines; (209) 795-1381 or Groveland RD, Stanislaus NF, Groveland; (209) 962-7825.	www.fs.fed.us/r5/eldorado/wild/moke/index.html and www.fs.fed.us/r5/stanislaus/visitor/mokelumne.shtml and www.fs.fed.us/hnfm/mokewild.htm and www.fs.fed.us/r5/stanislaus/visitor/wildernessregs.shtml
Reservation fee; people summiting Mount Whitney from the east side should get permits from Inyo NF; no guns or shooting; bear canisters required in portions of Kings Canyon; no geo-caching No target shooting (Inyo NF)	Wilderness Office, Sequoia-Kings Canyon National Parks, Three Rivers; (559) 565-3766 or (559) 565-3137, or Mt. Whitney RD, Inyo NF, Lone Pine; (760) 876-6200. Cannell Meadow RD, Sequoia NF, Kernville; (760) 376-3781 or Mt. Whitney RD, Inyo NF, Lone Pine; (760) 876-6200.	www.nps.gov/seki www.fs.fed.us/r5/sequoia/recreation/wilderness.html and www.fs.fed.us/r5/inyo/recreation/wild/index.html
Bear-resistant food canisters strongly recommended and required in some locations; reservation fee for permits; reservation procedure may change; no firearms except lead packer may carry an unloaded weapon	Wilderness Center, Yosemite; (209) 372-0200; (209) 372-0740 for reservations. 	www.nps.gov/yose/wilderness/index2.htm 

No stock overnight; no camping; carry water	Point Mugu State Park, Malibu; (805) 488-1827. Fire closure information: (805) 488-8147.	www.parks.ca.gov/default.asp?page_id=630
Carry water and a full gas tank (no services in vicinity); camping limited to 14 days per month, and 28 days per year; no target shooting; no shooting within 1/4 mile of any campground or developed site 	BLM, Bakersfield; (661) 391-6000.	www.ca.blm.gov/bakersfield/carrizoplain.html
Camping reservations required; reservation fee; for detailed information, call or write for a park newspaper	Channel Islands National Park, Ventura; (805) 658-5730 or email chis_interpretation@nps.gov .	www.nps.gov/chis/
Adventure Pass fee; trailheads may be inaccessible in winter Adventure Pass fee	Mount Pinos RD, Los Padres NF, Frazier Park; (661) 245-3731. Santa Barbara RD, Los Padres NF, Santa Barbara; (805) 967-3481 or Mount Pinos RD, Los Padres NF, Frazier Park; (661) 245-3731.	www.fs.fed.us/r5/lospadres/recreation/index.html www.fs.fed.us/r5/lospadres/recreation/index.html
Adventure Pass fee; no shooting within 150' of trail; smoking restricted to designated recreation sites	Santa Lucia RD, Los Padres NF, Santa Maria; (805) 925-9538.	www.fs.fed.us/r5/lospadres/recreation/index.html
Adventure Pass fee; no shooting within 150 feet of trail; smoking restricted to designated recreation sites	Santa Lucia RD, Los Padres NF, Santa Maria; (805) 925-9538.	www.fs.fed.us/r5/lospadres/recreation/index.html
Adventure Pass fee; carry water in summer	Ojai RD, Los Padres NF, Ojai; (805) 646-4348.	www.fs.fed.us/r5/lospadres/recreation/index.html

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48	Orestimba/ Henry Coe State Park	overnight	overnight	8	8	no; propane stoves OK	no	possible with high fire danger
29	Phillip Burton/Pt. Reyes National Seashore	overnight	overnight	depends on campsite	6 stock (none at Glen Camp)	no wood fires allowed	no	no
49	Pinnacles National Monument	no	no	no limit except for climbing in some places	no stock allowed	in established picnic area grills only seasonally restricted	only in developed areas must be leashed in campground	no overnight use; seasonal rock/cave closures, see Visitor Center Advisories
77	San Rafael	no	no	25	25	seasonally restricted	must be leashed in campground	condor sanctuary and Pool Rock archaeological site
52	Santa Lucia	no	no	25	25	seasonally restricted	must be leashed in campground	no
81	Sespe	no	no	25	25	seasonally restricted	if under control	Lion, Piedra Blanca, Blue Point, Beaver Creek
51	Silver Peak	no	no	25 (but recommend 6 to 10)	25	seasonally restricted	if leashed	possible during fire season
50	Ventana	no	no	25 (but recommend 6 to 10)	25	seasonally restricted	if leashed	possible during fire season
47	West Waddell / Big Basin Redwoods State Park	overnight	overnight	6 people per campsite		no	no	stock restricted to certain trails



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112	Agua Tibia	no	overnight	15	no horses allowed	fuel stoves only	leashed; leash must be no longer than 8'	closed to horseback riding; camp 200' from water
119	Anza-Borrego State Park	limited only by parking availability	overnight in Borrego Palm Canyon	25, unless special permit granted	no limit	only in metal container that you bring	dogs only in developed areas on 6' leash	Coyote Canyon closed June 1 to Oct. 1; stock must remain on roads and trails; some trails are designated for equestrians
113	Bighorn Mountain	no	no	25 on national forest land; contact BLM if large party	25 on NF land; contact BLM if large party	no campfires on NF land, seasonally restricted on BLM land	if leashed (NF); no packs of dogs for hunting (BLM)	potential for closures due to high fire danger; check with Mountain Top RD
135	Carrizo Gorge	no	no	no limit	no limit	seasonally restricted	yes	no
137	Coyote Mountains	no	no	no limit	no limit	seasonally restricted	yes	no
90	Cucamonga	day and overnight	day and overnight	12	8	no campfires; propane stoves OK with permit	if leashed	no
131	Cuyamaca Rancho	overnight	overnight	8 per campsite	1 animal per corral (3 corrals provided)	no	no	no

Notes	Contact	Web site
Parking and camping fees; carry water in summer; purify water; no guns	Henry W. Coe State Park, Morgan Hill; (408) 779-2728.	www.coe-park.org
Camping fees; camp only in designated sites; no guns; reservations suggested	Point Reyes National Seashore, Point Reyes Station; (415) 464-5137; backcountry reservations: call (415) 663-8054.	www.nps.gov/pore
No camping or collecting; carry water; entrance fee; no guns or shooting	Pinnacles National Monument, Paicines; (831) 389-4485.	www.nps.gov/pinn
Adv. Pass fee; use designated campsites; no shooting within 150' of trail; smoking restricted to designated recreation sites	Santa Lucia RD, Los Padres NF, Santa Maria; (805) 925-9538.	www.fs.fed.us/r5/lospadres/recreation/index.html
Adv. Pass fee; use designated campsites; no shooting within 150' of trail; smoking restricted to designated recreation sites	Santa Lucia RD, Los Padres NF, Santa Maria; (805) 925-9538.	www.fs.fed.us/r5/lospadres/recreation/index.html
Adventure Pass fee; carry water in summer	Ojai RD, Los Padres NF, Ojai; (805) 646-4348 or Mt. Pinos RD, Los Padres NF, Frazier Park; (661) 245-3731.	www.fs.fed.us/r5/lospadres/recreation/index.html
Adventure Pass fee	Monterey RD, Los Padres NF, King City; (831) 385-5434 or Big Sur Station, Big Sur; (831) 667-2423.	www.ventanawild.org and www.fs.fed.us/r5/lospadres/recreation/index.html
Adventure Pass fee; rough hiking conditions, trees often down	Monterey RD, Los Padres NF, King City; (831) 385-5434 or Big Sur Station, Big Sur; (831) 667-2423.	www.ventanawild.org and www.fs.fed.us/r5/lospadres/recreation/index.html
Carry water and water filter; fees may apply; reservations required for camping; apply for permits at Big Basin office; no firearms; no bikes on trails; camp at developed sites only; no hunting; fishing restricted; horses must overnight at horse camp	Big Basin Redwoods State Park, Boulder Creek; (831) 338-8860 for park information; (831) 338-8861 for reservations.	http://bigbasin.org and http://cal-parks.ca.gov/default.asp?page_id=540
Adventure Pass fee; carry water; use weed-free feed; highline stock; no target shooting	Palomar RD, Cleveland NF, Ramona; (760) 788-0250.	www.wilderness.net/nwps/wild_view.cfm?wname=Agua%20Tibia
Fees for parking and for Borrego Palm Canyon; backcountry camping allowed along any dirt road but do not damage plants or geologic features; no guns; carry water	Anza-Borrego Desert State Park, Borrego Springs; (760) 767-4205, (760) 767-5311 or (760) 767-4399.	www.anzaborrego.statepark.org/
Adventure Pass fee; carry water; no stock grazing; no shooting on National Forest land except in hunting season and in designated areas; no hanggliding in BLM wilderness	Mountain Top RD, San Bernardino NF, Fawnskin; (909) 866-3437 or BLM, Barstow; (760) 252-6000.	www.ca.blm.gov/barstow/bighorn.html and www.fs.fed.us/r5/sanbernardino/recreationactivities/wilderness/index.html
Notify others of destination; summer temps often exceed 113 F/45 C; carry water	BLM, El Centro; (760) 337-4400.	www.blm.gov/nhp/Preservation/wilderness/carriz.html
Notify others of destination; summer temps often exceed 113 F/45 C; carry water	BLM, El Centro; (760) 337-4400.	www.ca.blm.gov/elcentro/el_centropoi.html
Adventure Pass fee; terrain not amenable to stock use; hunting allowed but no target shooting	Lytle Creek RD, San Bernardino NF, Lytle Creek; (909) 887-2576.	www.fs.fed.us/r5/sanbernardino/recreationactivities/wilderness/index.html
Camping and parking fees; camp in designated sites; wilderness closed to bikes, camp areas are not in wilderness but are on the edge; carry water; mountain lions inhabit area; no weapons allowed	Cuyamaca Rancho State Park, Descanso; (760) 765-3020.	www.cuyamaca.statepark.org

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136	Fish Creek Mountains	no	no	no limit	no limit	seasonally restricted	yes	no
133	Hauser Mountain	no	overnight	15	8	no	yes	no
138	Jacumba 	no	no	no limit	no limit	seasonally restricted	yes	Valley of the Moon area is closed to target shooting
116	Mount San Jacinto	overnight	day and overnight	15 on state land; 12 on federal land	15 on state land; 12 on federal land	no	no	no
130	Otay Mountain	no	no	no limit	no limit	no	if under control	areas along border are closed due to illegal border activities
132	Pine Creek	no	overnight	15	8	no	yes	no
88	San Gabriel 	no	no	10	8	no; only campstoves with permit allowed	if leashed	Upper Bear Trail
114	San Gorgonio 	day and overnight	day and overnight (NF only)	12; 8 if have stock	8	no campfires; gas stoves only (in NF)	if leashed (NF only)	no
115	San Jacinto	day (Devil's Slide Trail) and overnight	day and overnight	12	8	only in designated sites with permit	must be leashed; only in NF	no shooting in state game refuge
111	San Mateo Canyon	no	overnight	15 to 20	15 to 20	no campfires; stoves allowed	if leashed with leash no longer than 6'	no
118	Santa Rosa 	no	no	12 (NF only)	8 (NF only)	none in NF; seasonally restricted (BLM)	if leashed (NF); no dogs in BLM portion except seeing-eye and search & rescue	voluntary hiking closure on Boo Hoff, Guadalupe, and Bear Creek Oasis trails Jan. 1 - June 30 to protect bighorn sheep
117	Santa Rosa/San Jacinto Mountains National Monument	no	no	no limit	no limit	none in NF; seasonally restricted (BLM)	dogs prohibited east of Palm Canyon	Carrizo Canyon Jan. 1 - June 30; voluntary hiking closure on certain trails Jan. 1 to June 30 to protect bighorn sheep; Dunn Road closed to vehicles
134	Sawtooth Mountains	no	no	no limit	no limit	seasonally restricted	yes	no
89	Sheep Mountain 	no	day and overnight (for entry from East Fork Trailhead only)	10	10	no	if leashed	no

Notes	Contact	Web site
Notify of destination; summer temps often exceed 113 F/45 C; carry water	BLM, El Centro; (760) 337-4400.	www.blm.gov/nhp/Preservation/wilderness/fishcr.html
Adventure Pass fee; carry water; no target shooting; Hauser Canyon currently is a smuggling route and may be unsafe; water level at Hauser Creek varies due to dam releases	Descanso RD, Cleveland NF, Alpine; (619) 445-6235.	www.fs.fed.us/r5/cleveland/
Notify others of destination; summer temps often exceed 113 F/45 C; carry water; due to immigrant and narcotic smuggling, camping is not recommended and Border Patrol operates in the wilderness	BLM, El Centro; (760) 337-4400.	www.blm.gov/nhp/Preservation/wilderness/jacumb.html
Adventure Pass fee; carry water; no stock off trails; no guns or shooting; no bulldozing or RVs; camp only in designated areas in state wilderness; weather changes rapidly	Mt. San Jacinto State Park, Idyllwild; (909) 659-2607 or San Jacinto RD, San Bernardino NF, Idyllwild; (909) 659-2117.	www.sanjac.statepark.org
Hunting only, no target shooting; rugged area (no trails); camping not recommended due to extreme fire danger; carry water	BLM, Jamul; (619) 669-1268 or BLM, N. Palm Springs; (760) 251-4800.	www.ca.blm.gov/palmsprings/otay_mtns_wilderness.html
Adventure Pass fee; no target shooting; wilderness currently is used by smugglers and may be unsafe	Descanso RD, Cleveland NF, Alpine; (619) 445-6235.	www.fs.fed.us/r5/cleveland/
Northeast part of wilderness burned Sept. 2002; Adventure Pass fee; terrain not amenable to stock use; no shooting, prospecting, or gold panning; 14-day camping limit	San Gabriel River RD, Angeles NF, Glendora; (626) 335-1251 or Los Angeles River RD, Angeles NF, San Fernando; (818) 899-1900.	http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/angeles/recreation/wild-sangabriel.shtml
Adventure Pass fee; no target shooting or stock grazing; summit of Mt. San Gorgonio is highest in S. Calif.; carry water and be prepared for altitude sickness above 10,000'; carry bear canisters	Mill Creek Ranger Station, San Bernardino NF, Mentone; (909) 794-1123 or BLM, N. Palm Springs; (760) 251-4800.	www.ca.blm.gov/palmsprings/san_gorgonio_wilderness.html and www.sgwa.org
Adventure Pass fee; carry water; no grazing of stock; see also Mt. San Jacinto listing	San Jacinto RD, San Bernardino NF, Idyllwild; (909) 659-2117.	www.fs.fed.us/r5/sanbernardino/recreationactivities/wilderness/index.html
Adventure Pass fee; no potable water available; no guns or shooting except during hunting season; no alcohol at Tenaja Falls trailhead	Trabuco RD, Cleveland NF, Corona; (909) 736-1811.	www.wilderness.net/nwps/wild_view.cfm?wname=San%20Mateo%20Canyon and www.fs.fed.us/r5/cleveland/
Adventure Pass fee; carry water; no shooting in state game refuge; no stock grazing; dog and hiking closures are interim measures to protect endangered Peninsular bighorn sheep	San Jacinto RD, San Bernardino NF, Idyllwild; (909) 659-2117 or BLM, N. Palm Springs; (760) 251-4800.	www.ca.blm.gov/palmsprings/santa_rosa_mtns_wilderness.html and www.fs.fed.us/r5/sanbernardino/recreationactivities/wilderness/index.html
Adventure Pass fee on NF land; carry water; guidelines are interim so call for updated information	San Jacinto RD, San Bernardino NF, Idyllwild; (909) 659-2117 or BLM, N. Palm Springs; (760) 251-4800.	www.ca.blm.gov/palmsprings/santarosa/santa_rosa_national_monument.html
Notify others of destination; summer temps often exceed 113 F/45 C; carry water	BLM, El Centro; (760) 337-4400.	www.blm.gov/nhp/Preservation/wilderness/sawtoo.html
Western 15% of wilderness burned; Adventure Pass fee; terrain not amenable to stock use; no target shooting, prospecting, or gold panning; 14-day camping limit	San Gabriel River RD, Angeles NF, Glendora, CA 91741; (626) 335-1251 or Santa Clara/Mojave River RD, Angeles NF, Saugus, CA; (661) 296-9710.	www.fs.fed.us/r5/angeles/recreation/wild-sheepmountain.shtml

California Desert

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62	Argus Range	no	no	no limit	no limit	seasonally restricted	if leashed	no
127	Big Maria Mountains	no	no	no limit	no limit	seasonally restricted	yes	no
100	Bigelow Cholla Garden	no	required for commercial or organized use	no limit	no limit	seasonally restricted	leash recommended	no
87	Black Mountain	no	no	contact BLM if large party	contact BLM if large party	seasonally restricted	yes; no hunting (dog) packs	no
95	Bristol Mountains	no	required for commercial or organized use	no limit	no limit	seasonally restricted	leash recommended	no
104	Cadiz Dunes	no	required for commercial or organized use	no limit	no limit	seasonally restricted	leash recommended	no
108	Chemehuevi Mountains	yes	overnight and commercial or organized use	no limit	no limit	no	if leashed	no camping
123	Chuckwalla Mountains	no	no	no limit	no limit	seasonally restricted	yes	no
102	Cleghorn Lakes	no	no	contact BLM if large party	contact BLM if large party	seasonally restricted	yes; no hunting (dog) packs	no
98	Clipper Mountains	no	required for commercial or organized use	no limit	no limit	seasonally restricted	leash recommended	no
60	Coso Range	no	no	no limit	no limit	seasonally restricted	if leashed	no
61	Darwin Falls	no	no	no limit	no limit	seasonally restricted	yes	no
101	Dead Mountains	no	required for commercial or organized use	no limit	no limit	seasonally restricted	leash recommended	no
65	Death Valley National Park	no	optional overnight, in '04 may be required	15 (overnight)	15	no	no	some mines, caves, and archaeological and historic sites; horses restricted on some trails
84	El Paso Mountains	no	no	no limit	no limit	seasonally restricted	yes	no
66	Funeral Mountains	no	no	contact BLM if large party	contact BLM if large party	seasonally restricted	yes; no hunting (dog) packs	no
85	Golden Valley	no	no	no limit	no limit	seasonally restricted	if leashed	no
86	Grass Valley	no	no	no limit	no limit	seasonally restricted	if leashed	no
109	Havasu National Wildlife Refuge	yes	overnight and for stock use	6	6	butane stoves only; no open fires	not permitted at night; must be leashed and tended during day	no camping within 1 mile of river
93	Hollow Hills	no	no	contact BLM if large party	contact BLM if large party	seasonally restricted	yes; no hunting (dog) packs	no

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Carry water; good cross-country navigational skills are necessary (few trails)	Marty Dickes, Wilderness Coordinator, BLM, Ridgecrest; (760) 384-5400.	www.ca.blm.gov/ridgecrest/argus.html
Carry water	BLM, N. Palm Springs; (760) 251-4800.	www.ca.blm.gov/palmsprings/big_maria_mtns_wilderness.html
Fee for groups and commercial use; notify others of intended destination; carry water (don't rely on springs)	BLM, Needles; (760) 326-7000.	www.ca.blm.gov/needles/bigelow.html
Carry water; no hanggliding in BLM wilderness	BLM, Barstow; (760) 252-6000.	www.ca.blm.gov/barstow/blackmtn.html
Fee for groups and commercial use; notify others of intended destination; carry water (don't rely on springs)	BLM, Needles; (760) 326-7000.	www.ca.blm.gov/needles/bristol.html
Fee for groups and commercial use; notify others of intended destination; carry water (don't rely on springs)	BLM, Needles; (760) 326-7000.	www.ca.blm.gov/needles/cadiz.html
Notify others of intended destination; carry water (don't rely on springs); no shooting; fee for groups and commercial use	BLM, Needles; (760) 326-7000 or Havasu National Wildlife Refuge, Needles; (760) 326-3853 or BLM, Lake Havasu, AZ; (928) 505-1200.	www.ca.blm.gov/needles/cheme.html
Carry water	BLM, N. Palm Springs; (760) 251-4800.	www.ca.blm.gov/palmsprings/chuckwalla_mtns_wilderness.html
Carry water; no hanggliding in BLM wilderness	BLM, Barstow; (760) 252-6000.	www.ca.blm.gov/barstow/cleghorn.html
Fee for groups and commercial use; notify others of intended destination; carry water (don't rely on springs)	BLM, Needles; (760) 326-7000.	www.ca.blm.gov/needles/clipper.htm
Carry water; good cross-country navigational skills are necessary (few trails)	Marty Dickes, Wilderness Coordinator, BLM, Ridgecrest; (760) 384-5400.	www.ca.blm.gov/ridgecrest/coso.html
Carry water; good cross-country navigational skills are necessary (few trails)	Marty Dickes, Wilderness Coordinator, BLM, Ridgecrest; (760) 384-5400.	www.ca.blm.gov/ridgecrest/darwin.html
Fee for groups and commercial use; notify others of intended destination; carry water (don't rely on springs)	BLM, Needles; (760) 326-7000 or BLM, Lake Havasu, AZ; (928) 505-1200.	www.ca.blm.gov/needles/dead.html
Carry water; avoid low desert in hot weather; no weed feed for stock; no guns; no collecting; few maintained trails, numerous cross-country opportunities	Death Valley National Park, Death Valley; (760) 786-3200.	www.nps.gov/deva
Carry water; good cross-country navigational skills are necessary (few trails)	Marty Dickes, Wilderness Coordinator, BLM, Ridgecrest; (760) 384-5400.	www.ca.blm.gov/ridgecrest/elpaso.html
Carry water; no hanggliding in BLM wilderness	BLM, Barstow; (760) 252-6000.	www.ca.blm.gov/barstow/funeralmtn.html
Carry water; good cross-country navigational skills are necessary (few trails)	Marty Dickes, Wilderness Coordinator, BLM, Ridgecrest; (760) 384-5400.	www.ca.blm.gov/ridgecrest/gldnrvly.html
Carry water; good cross-country navigational skills are necessary (few trails)	Marty Dickes, Wilderness Coordinator, BLM, Ridgecrest; (760) 384-5400.	www.ca.blm.gov/ridgecrest/grassvly.html
No firearms except for authorized hunting	Havasu National Wildlife Refuge, Needles; (760) 326-3853.	southwest.fws.gov/refuges/arizona/havasu.html
Carry water; no hanggliding in BLM wilderness	BLM, Barstow; (760) 252-6000.	www.ca.blm.gov/barstow/hollowhills.html

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71	Ibex	no	no	contact BLM if large party	contact BLM if large party	seasonally restricted	yes; no hunting (dog) packs	no
144	Imperial National Wildlife Refuge	yes	no	6	6	no	not permitted at night; must be leashed during day	no camping
140	Indian Pass	no	no	no limit	no limit	seasonally restricted	yes	no
58	Inyo Mountains	no	no	no limit	no limit	yes, except in bristlecone pine areas	if leashed	no
120	Joshua Tree National Park	no	overnight	12 (overnight)	12	no	no	some areas closed to camping; stock restricted to certain trails; day use restricted in some areas
94	Kelso Dunes	no	required for commercial or organized use	no limit	no limit	seasonally restricted	leash recommended	no
72	Kingston Range	no	required for commercial or organized use	contact BLM if large party	contact BLM if large party	seasonally restricted	if leashed; no hunting (dog) packs	no
125	Little Chuckwalla Mountains	no	no	no limit	no limit	seasonally restricted	yes	no
142	Little Picacho	no	no	no limit	no limit	seasonally restricted	yes	no
59	Malpais Mesa	no	no	no limit	no limit	seasonally restricted	if leashed	no
64	Manly Peak	no	no	no limit	no limit	seasonally restricted	if leashed	no
121	Mecca Hills	no	no	no limit	no limit	seasonally restricted	yes	no
75	Mesquite Mountains	no	required for commercial or organized use	no limit	no limit	seasonally restricted	leash recommended	no
96	Mojave National Preserve	no	for groups larger than 15 people or more than 7 stock	see permit section	see permit section	only in fire pans or existing rings; bring own wood; carry out ashes	must be on leash no longer than 6'	hunting prohibited in some areas
91	Newberry Mountains	no	no	contact BLM if large party	contact BLM if large party	seasonally restricted	yes; no hunting (dog) packs	no
68	Nopah Range	no	no	contact BLM if large party	contact BLM if large party	seasonally restricted	yes; no hunting (dog) packs	no
139	North Algodones Dunes	no	no	no limit	no limit	seasonally restricted	yes	no
74	North Mesquite	no	required for commercial or organized use	no limit	no limit	seasonally restricted	leash recommended	no
105	Old Woman Mountains	no	required for commercial or organized use	no limit	no limit	seasonally restricted	leash recommended	no
122	Orocopia Mountains	no	no	no limit	no limit	seasonally restricted	yes	no

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Carry water; no hanggliding in BLM wilderness	BLM, Barstow; (760) 252-6000.	www.ca.blm.gov/barstow/ibex.html
No firearms except for authorized hunting	Imperial National Wildlife Refuge, Yuma, AZ; (928) 783-3371 or FW2_RW_Imperial@fws.gov	southwest.fws.gov/refuges/arizona/imperial.html
Notify others where you are going; summer temperatures often exceed 113 F/45 C; carry water, rugged area	BLM, El Centro; (760) 337-4400.	www.blm.gov/nhp/Preservation/wilderness/indian.html
Carry water; see also Death Valley Wilderness listing	Mt. Whitney RD, Inyo NF, Lone Pine; (760) 876-6200 or BLM, Bishop; (760) 872-5000 or (760) 872-5028 or BLM, Ridgecrest; (760) 384-5400.	www.ca.blm.gov/ridgecrest/injomts.html
Entrance fee; carry water; fixed climbing anchor placement by permit only; no climbing bolts; no guns or shooting	Visitor Center, Joshua Tree National Park, 29 Palms; (760) 367-5529.	www.nps.gov/jotr
Fee for groups and commercial use; notify others of intended destination; carry water (don't rely on springs)	BLM, Needles; (760) 326-7000.	www.ca.blm.gov/needles/kelso.html
Fee for groups and commercial use; notify others of intended destination; carry water (don't rely on springs); no hanggliding	BLM, Barstow; (760) 252-6000 or BLM, Needles; (760) 326-7000.	www.ca.blm.gov/needles/kingston.html and www.ca.blm.gov/barstow/kingston.html
Carry water	BLM, N. Palm Springs; (760) 251-4800.	www.ca.blm.gov/palmsprings/little_chuckwalla_mtns_wildern.html
Notify others where you are going; summer temperatures often exceed 113 F/45 C; carry water, rugged area	BLM, El Centro; (760) 337-4400.	www.blm.gov/nhp/Preservation/wilderness/lpicac.html
Carry water; good cross-country navigational skills are necessary (few trails)	Marty Dickes, Wilderness Coordinator, BLM, Ridgecrest; (760) 384-5400.	www.ca.blm.gov/ridgecrest/malpais.html
Carry water; good cross-country navigational skills are necessary (few trails)	Marty Dickes, Wilderness Coordinator, BLM, Ridgecrest; (760) 384-5400.	www.ca.blm.gov/ridgecrest/recreation.html
Carry water	BLM, N. Palm Springs; (760) 251-4800.	www.ca.blm.gov/palmsprings/mecca_hills.html
Fee for groups and commercial use; notify others of intended destination; carry water (don't rely on springs)	BLM, Needles; (760) 326-7000.	www.ca.blm.gov/needles/mesquite.html
Carry water; no target shooting; area services very limited so bring everything you need; trips limited to 14 days; respect private property; stay out of mine shafts and buildings; rock art is fully protected by law	Mojave National Preserve, Barstow; (760) 255-8801 or Mojave National Preserve Information Center, Baker; (760) 733-4040. For permit, call (760) 255-8863 or email MOJA_Superintendent@nps.gov.	www.nps.gov/moja
Carry water; no hanggliding	BLM, Barstow; (760) 252-6000.	www.ca.blm.gov/barstow/newberry.html
Carry water; no hanggliding	BLM, Barstow; (760) 252-6000.	www.ca.blm.gov/barstow/nopah.html
Notify others of destination; summer temperatures often exceed 122 F/50 C; carry water, rugged area; be prepared for no shade within active dune system	BLM, El Centro; (760) 337-4400.	www.ca.blm.gov/elcentro/algodones.html
Fee for groups and commercial use; notify others of intended destination; carry water (don't rely on springs)	BLM, Needles; (760) 326-7000.	www.ca.blm.gov/needles/nmesquite.html
Fee for groups and commercial use; notify others of intended destination; carry water (don't rely on springs)	BLM, Needles; (760) 326-7000.	www.ca.blm.gov/needles/owoman.html
Carry water	BLM, N. Palm Springs; (760) 251-4800.	www.ca.blm.gov/palmsprings/orocopiamtnswilderness.html

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44	Owens Peak	no	no	depends on location	depends on location	seasonally restricted	if leashed	no
73	Pahrump Valley	no	no	contact BLM if large party	contact BLM if large party	seasonally restricted	yes; no hunting (dog) packs	no
124	Palen/McCoy	no	no	no limit	no limit	seasonally restricted	yes	no
129	Palo Verde Mountains	no	no	no limit	no limit	seasonally restricted	yes	no target shooting in Table Mountain area
141	Picacho Peak	no	no	no limit	no limit	seasonally restricted	yes	no
57	Piper Mountain	no	no	no limit	no limit	seasonally restricted	if leashed	no
99	Piute Mountains	no	required for commercial or organized use	no limit	no limit	seasonally restricted	leash recommended	no
67	Resting Spring Range	no	no	contact BLM if large party	contact BLM if large party	seasonally restricted	yes; no hunting (dog) packs	no
126	Rice Valley	no	no	no limit	no limit	seasonally restricted	yes	no
125	Riverside Mountains	no	no	no limit	no limit	seasonally restricted	yes	no
92	Rodman Mountains	no	no	contact BLM if large party	contact BLM if large party	seasonally restricted	yes; no hunting (dog) packs	no
42	Sacatar Trail	no	no	depends on location	depends on location	seasonally restricted	if leashed	no
70	Saddle Peak Hills	no	no	contact BLM if large party	contact BLM if large party	seasonally restricted	yes; no hunting (dog) packs	no
103	Sheephole Valley	no	required for commercial or organized use	no limit	no limit	seasonally restricted	leash recommended	no
69	South Nopah Range	no	no	contact BLM if large party	contact BLM if large party	seasonally restricted	yes; no hunting (dog) packs	no
76	Stateline	no	required for commercial or organized use	no limit	no limit	seasonally restricted	leash recommended	no
106	Stempladder Mountains	no	required for commercial or organized use	no limit	no limit	seasonally restricted	leash recommended	no
63	Surprise Canyon	no	no	no limit	no limit	seasonally restricted	if leashed	no
56	Sylvania Mountains	no	no	no limit	no limit	seasonally restricted	if leashed	no
97	Trilobite	no	required for commercial or organized use	no limit	no limit	seasonally restricted	leash recommended	no
107	Turtle Mountains	no	required for commercial or organized use	no limit	no limit	seasonally restricted	leash recommended	no
110	Whipple Mountains	no	required for commercial or organized use	no limit	no limit	seasonally restricted	leash recommended	no

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14-day limit; carry water	BLM, Bakersfield; (661) 391-6000 or BLM, Ridgecrest; (760) 384-5400.	www.ca.blm.gov/ridgecrest/owens.html
Carry water; no hanggliding	BLM, Barstow; (760) 252-6000.	www.ca.blm.gov/barstow/pahrump.html
Carry water	BLM, N. Palm Springs; (760) 251-4800.	www.ca.blm.gov/palmsprings/palen_mc.html
Notify others of destination; summer temps often exceed 113 F/45 C; carry water	BLM, El Centro; (760) 337-4400.	www.blm.gov/nhp/Preservation/wilderness/palove.html
Notify others of destination; summer temps often exceed 113 F/45 C; carry water	BLM, El Centro; (760) 337-4400.	www.blm.gov/nhp/Preservation/wilderness/picach.html
Carry water; good cross-country navigational skills are necessary (few trails)	Marty Dickes, Wilderness Coordinator, BLM, Ridgecrest; (760) 384-5400.	www.ca.blm.gov/ridgecrest/pipermtn.html
Fee for groups and commercial use; notify others of destination; carry water (don't rely on springs)	BLM, Needles; (760) 326-7000.	www.ca.blm.gov/needles/piute.html
Carry water; no hanggliding	BLM, Barstow; (760) 252-6000.	www.ca.blm.gov/barstow/restingsprings.html
Carry water	BLM, N. Palm Springs; (760) 251-4800.	www.ca.blm.gov/palmsprings/rice_valley_wilderness.html
Carry water	BLM, N. Palm Springs; (760) 251-4800.	www.ca.blm.gov/palmsprings/riverside_mtns_wilderness.html
Carry water; no hanggliding	BLM, Barstow; (760) 252-6000.	www.ca.blm.gov/barstow/rodman.html
14-day limit; carry water	BLM, Ridgecrest; (760) 384-5400 or BLM, Bakersfield; (661) 391-6000.	www.ca.blm.gov/ridgecrest/sacatar.html and www.ca.blm.gov/bakersfield/wilderness.html
Carry water; no hanggliding	BLM, Barstow; (760) 252-6000.	www.ca.blm.gov/barstow/saddlepeak.html
Fee for groups and commercial use; notify others of destination; carry water (don't rely on springs)	BLM, Needles; (760) 326-7000.	www.ca.blm.gov/needles/sheephole.html
Carry water; no hanggliding	BLM, Barstow; (760) 252-6000.	www.ca.blm.gov/barstow/southnopah.html
Fee for groups and commercial use; notify others of intended destination; carry water (don't rely on springs)	BLM, Needles; (760) 326-7000.	www.ca.blm.gov/needles/stateline.html
Fee for groups and commercial use; notify others of destination; carry water (don't rely on springs)	BLM, Needles; (760) 326-7000.	www.ca.blm.gov/needles/stempladder.html
Carry water; good cross-country navigational skills are necessary (few trails)	Marty Dickes, Wilderness Coordinator, BLM, Ridgecrest; (760) 384-5400.	www.ca.blm.gov/ridgecrest/recreation.html
Carry water; good cross-country navigational skills are necessary (few trails)	Marty Dickes, Wilderness Coordinator, BLM, Ridgecrest; (760) 384-5400.	www.ca.blm.gov/ridgecrest/sylvania.html
Fee for groups and commercial use; notify others of destination; carry water (don't rely on springs)	BLM, Needles; (760) 326-7000.	www.ca.blm.gov/needles/trilobite.html
Fee for groups and commercial use; notify others of destination; carry water (don't rely on springs)	BLM, Needles; (760) 326-7000.	www.ca.blm.gov/needles/turtle.html
Fee for groups and commercial use; notify others of destination; carry water (don't rely on springs)	BLM, Needles; (760) 326-7000 or BLM, Lake Havasu, AZ; (928) 505-1200.	www.ca.blm.gov/needles/whipple.html

Great hike: The extraordinary Eureka Dunes

Distance: 1 mile round trip

Difficulty: Easy

Best time to visit: Spring, fall, or winter. Wildflowers are most abundant in the spring but may also be found in the fall.

Features: Death Valley National Park's unique Eureka Dunes are home to endangered plant species, and offer an unusual hiking experience. There is no real trail, but an enjoyable 1-mile round trip may be taken to the top of the tallest dune. Tallest and oldest sand dunes in North America, they rise 700 feet above a dry lake bed and are at least 10,000 years old. From the top of the dunes, views are spectacular. To the east, the colorfully striped Last Chance Mountains tower over the dunes.

The remote Eureka Dunes are not easily reached. Do not attempt this drive unless your vehicle is in good condition, carry extra water for passengers and the car's radiator, proceed slowly on rough roads, carry tools, and make sure your spare tire is in good condition.

Directions: From the west, take Hwy 168 from the town of Big Pine. Go right at the junction 2.3 miles east of town, turning south onto Death Valley Road.



Mike McWhorter

Death Valley's Eureka Dunes are home to three endangered species of wildflowers.

Follow Death Valley Road (which is rough but passable by two-wheel-drive car) 39 miles to the signed South Eureka Valley Road. Turn right and follow the track 10 miles south to the dunes parking area.

From the south, follow Death Valley

Road north from the Hwy 267 turnoff to Scotty's Castle. Go 36 miles to South Eureka Valley Road (see above).

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Confluence of biodiversity: The ecologically crucial Tejon Ranch in peril

by Pete Nichols

Over 270,000 acres in size, the Tejon Ranch is a vast, diverse ecological confluence for four of California's ten ecoregions. Here, the Mojave Desert, San Joaquin Valley, Sierra Nevada, and south coast come together to form a biogeographically unique region of core habitat for imperiled species such as the California condor and Bakersfield cactus. Because of its low density of roads, the Tejon Ranch area acts as a vital habitat linkage for numerous plant and animal species as they travel between these ecoregions.

There is compelling scientific evidence that Tejon Ranch plays a crucial role in the conservation of biodiversity on regional, state, and national levels. The region has been identified as harboring irreplaceable habitat for at least 57 listed and sensitive species, such as the San Joaquin kit fox, striped adobe lily, Bakersfield cactus, Mexican flannelbush, arroyo toad, California red-legged frog, blunt-nosed leopard lizard, and Mojave ground squirrel. It contains designated critical habitat for the endangered California condor, and supports healthy populations of other raptors, American badger, mountain lion, tule elk, and mule deer, which all require large and intact wildlands to survive. The ranch also contains ecologically valuable grasslands as well as valley oak and blue oak woodlands.

Recently, the Tejon Ranch Company has put forth plans to develop this parcel for massive commercial, residential, and indus-

trial purposes. The proposed "Centennial" residential development in Antelope Valley alone would destroy 11,700 acres of oak woodlands, chaparral, and grassland to build an entire new city of 30,000 tract homes. Another proposed, several thousand-unit resort near Tejon Lake and Mount Pinos would increase regional traffic and severely negatively impact air quality. Already, Los Angeles basin and southern San Joaquin Valley

not yet revealed its overall plan for the ranch, and is submitting proposals for development piecemeal, one by one. Many conservation groups and concerned citizens think that none of these potentially precedent-setting developments should be considered without a comprehensive analysis of the ranch's unique natural resources, the impacts of development, and the full disclosure of development plans.

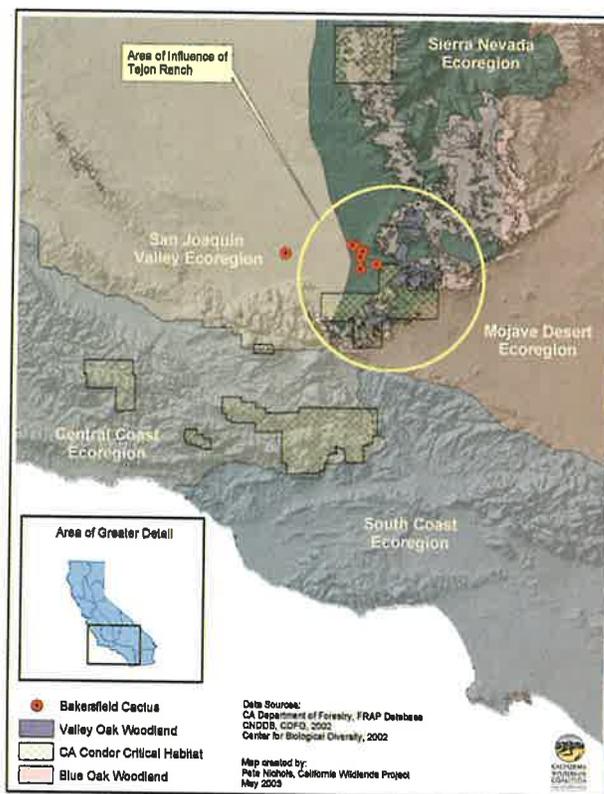
Listed as one of "California's 10 Most Threatened Wild Places" by the California Wilderness Coalition this year (www.calwild.org/resources/pubs/10most.php), the Tejon Ranch is the single largest non-government owned parcel in California, and at approximately the size of Los Angeles, could permanently fragment entire bioregions of California from one another if developed.

The California Wilderness Coalition, through its California Wildlands Project's publications (*South Coast Wildlands Vision Map, Guide to Wildlands Conservation Planning in the Greater Sierra Nevada Bioregion*, and *Missing Linkages: Restoring Connectivity to the California Landscape*) has identified this region as a key habitat linkage. CWC is currently working with several partners, including the

Conservation Biology Institute (CBI), to characterize the ecological significance of the Tejon Ranch and to counter current development plans. A complete biological assessment was published in June 2003

(www.consbio.org/cbi/what/tejon_ranch/tejon_ranch.htm), and is also available by contacting Michael White at mdwhite@consbio.org.

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residents face some of the worst traffic and smog in the country. Children in Kern County are 33 percent more likely to develop asthma and other respiratory problems than other children nationwide.

Although the land-use plans for Kern and Los Angeles counties currently call for the Tejon Ranch to remain a working landscape of farming land, grazing land, and open space, the Tejon Ranch Company has

Highway robbery: County moves to take federal land

Parks and wilderness remain on the hit list

by Amanda Dranginis

Secretary of the Interior Gale Norton's highway robbery continues. As we reported last issue, the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) recently adopted an illegal rule for using "disclaimers of interest" to give away federal lands claimed by special interests under an archaic mining law (Revised Statute 2477). In California, some counties and off-road vehicle groups are using this dead law to claim they own thousands of miles of "highways" – including hiking trails and abandoned jeep ruts – across national parks, wilderness areas, and other protected public lands. Unfortunately, it turns out the disclaimer rule was just the first in a series of DOI attacks on wilderness.

Next, on April 8, the DOI signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the state of Utah, facilitating RS 2477 claims on nearly 6 million acres of roadless Bureau of Land Management (BLM) land and about 4 million acres of Forest Service land. The agreement sets a potentially devastating precedent for other western states.

Then on April 11, Secretary Norton decided the BLM is no longer allowed to designate Wilderness Study Areas (see p. 4). The same day, she ordered BLM to cease wilderness reviews in Alaska. Alaska's new Governor Frank Murkowski said he would press DOI to recognize old trails as public rights-of-way across federal lands. Accordingly, in May, the state of Alaska filed the nation's first application for a federal "disclaimer of interest" which, if approved, would allow the state to claim title to federal lands underlying five navigable waterways.

In California meanwhile, San Bernardino County filed its first "disclaimer" application for an RS 2477 right-of-way. The claimed route is Camp Rock Road, a 42-mile, two-lane dirt road across BLM lands, running from Daggett to Lucerne Valley. Unlike

so many routes claimed by San Bernardino County, this road is well-traveled and has been maintained by the county since the 1930s.

San Bernardino County is trying to use an illegal process to obtain Camp Rock Road as a test case. If it succeeds, counties could claim more detrimental routes across national parks, monuments, and wilderness areas.

At press time, the California BLM was unable to process any disclaimer applications until it gets guidance from DOI on which RS 2477 policy to use.

However, DOI has already drafted new RS 2477 policy guidelines – and they are terrible. If approved, DOI's new RS 2477 policy would only require the claimant to show that a highway right-of-way was "established" before 1976 (when RS 2477 was repealed) – the claimed "highway" would not even have to be constructed or used before 1976.

As DOI's campaign to give away our public lands has escalated, so has strong opposition from California and from Congress. In May, the state of California opposed the giveaway, with Secretary of Resources Mary Nichols writing to ask Norton not to process any RS 2477 claims in California under the illegal disclaimer rule. CWC thanks Secretary Nichols for taking a strong stand for wilderness!

As we noted last issue, our Senators Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer have already written Norton to object; so has Senator Jeff Bingaman (D-NM), noting that the rule is against the law.

In April, 87 members of the House of Representatives co-signed Rep. Mark Udall's (D-CO) similar letter to Norton, including Californians Howard



Allen Bartleman

A "road" in the Mojave National Preserve that San Bernardino County wants to claim

Berman, Lois Capps, Anna Eshoo, Bob Filner, Jane Harman, Mike Honda, Tom Lantos, Barbara Lee, Zoe Lofgren, Juanita Millender-McDonald, Grace Napolitano, Linda Sanchez, Adam Schiff, Pete Stark, Ellen Tauscher, Henry Waxman, Lynn Woolsey, and naturally, wilderness champions Sam Farr, Mike Thompson, Hilda Solis, and George Miller. Please call and thank these great California members – and ask them to keep fighting to stop the bogus highway giveaway in our parks and wilderness.

In late April, Rep. Mark Udall introduced H.R. 1639, the RS 2477 Rights-of-Way Act of 2003. The bill would ban claims in national parks, wildlife refuges, wilderness areas, national monuments, wild and scenic rivers, and wilderness study areas. It would also protect private property. At press time the bill was cosponsored by California Reps. Lynn Woolsey and George Miller; more cosponsors are sought.

Meanwhile, in April activists laced up their boots to field-check bogus road claims in the Mojave National Preserve, led by CWC and the wonderful folks in the Sierra Club Mojave Group. The average "highway" claim proved to be an abandoned prospector trail or jeep ruts fading out in open desert. This important fieldwork continues, and you can help by hiking and taking photos in spectacular wilderness. Contact amanda@calwild.org to volunteer.

Bush Administration unravels Northwest Forest Plan

In April, the Bush Administration released the draft plan for amending the Aquatic Conservation Strategy of the Northwest Forest Plan. The proposed changes seek to remove the enforcement mechanisms established in the original Northwest Forest Plan, making compliance with conservation measures optional. These changes would leave the forests, soils, and aquatic species within the plan area open to degradation and destruction. A decision regarding the proposed changes is expected in the early fall.

Central coast's Hearst Ranch may be preserved

Stretching 18 miles south from the Big Sur Coast, the Hearst Ranch encompasses 82,000 acres of San Luis Obispo County's coastline. The eastern portion includes creeks, oak woodlands, and grasslands in the coastal Santa Lucia range.

The Hearst family had originally intended to develop the land. Blocked by the California Coastal Commission, the

family recently agreed to sell development rights in a conservation easement agreement.

Among the areas affected is the 11,500-acre San Carpoforo Creek watershed, which adjoins the Silver Peak Wilderness. The Silver Peak Wilderness shares a border with the Hearst property for nearly seven miles and contains the headwaters of San Carpoforo Creek. Identified as an "Area of High Ecological Significance," this stream hosts one of the few remaining populations of yellow-legged frogs on California's central coast. The endangered California condor, red-legged frog, and southern steelhead are all found within the drainage.

House passes bogus "forest health" bill

H.R. 1904, introduced by Representative Scott McInnis (R-CO), seeks to codify much of the so-called "Healthy Forests Initiative" introduced by President Bush in 2002. Passed on May 20 in the U.S. House of Representatives, the legislation poses a major threat to environmental protection and public involvement in

federal land management. The bill now heads for the U.S. Senate.

Among other things, the McInnis bill would 1) permit the Forest Service to conduct large-scale, environmental damaging logging projects without considering any alternatives; 2) eliminate the right of citizens to appeal Forest Service logging projects; and 3) impose unprecedented limitations on judicial review. This bill does not protect communities from wildfire or promote public land restoration, instead it seeks to undermine environmental laws.

CWC wish list

CWC is working hard to protect wild places...on a shoestring budget. Here are some items that would greatly help us fight for wilderness:

- Frequent Flyer miles (40,000 miles allows a staff person to go to Washington, D.C. and advocate for wilderness)
- Reliable 4WD vehicle or Jeep
- Digital cameras; slide scanner
- Lightweight RGB digital projector
- Drafting/map file cabinet

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ACTION: Northern California coastal wilds bill

by Ryan Henson and Tina Andolina

On March 27, Representative Mike Thompson and Senator Barbara Boxer introduced the Northern California Coastal Wild Heritage Wilderness Act in Congress. The measure will protect over 303,000 acres of land and preserve 21 miles of stream. Conservationists are optimistic that a bill covering only Mr. Thompson's district may actually pass this year. That does not mean we are giving up on the rest of the state; it means that our strategy is to achieve our goals "on the installment plan" if necessary. This strategy worked well last year with the passage of Representative Sam Farr's bill for California's central coast.

What you can do

Please help convince Senator Dianne Feinstein to support this bill. You should both call and write her office as soon as possible and tell her that you are in favor:

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
c/o Michael Walker
One Post Street, Suite 2450
San Francisco, CA 94104
Phone: 415-393-0707
Fax: 415-393-0710

In your letter, please mention any of the areas below that are particularly important to you and explain why.

Areas proposed for protection in northwest California

- **Black Butte River proposed wild and scenic river (21 miles of stream):** Excellent habitat for endangered chinook salmon and steelhead trout.
- **Blue Ridge proposed wilderness:** Offers outstanding hiking, horseback riding, and whitewater boating.
- **Cache Creek proposed wilderness:** Hosts the second largest wintering bald eagle population in California.
- **Cedar Roughs proposed wilderness:** Shelters the largest grove in the world of the rare Sargent cypress and the last black bear population in Napa County.
- **Elkhorn Ridge potential wilderness area:** Redwood, madrone, oak, and Douglas fir forests. An endangered species haven.
- **King Range proposed wilderness:** Longest stretch of undeveloped beach and coastal bluffs in the lower 48.
- **Mad River Buttes proposed wilderness:** Amazing views and wildflowers.
- **Mount Lassic proposed wilderness:** A noted haven for rare plant species.
- **Sanhedrin Mountain proposed wilderness:** Old-growth forests provide critical habitat for wildlife.
- **Siskiyou Wilderness proposed additions:** Among California's wildest and most remote lands; extremely rich

in biodiversity.

- **Snow Mountain Wilderness proposed additions:** Large meadows, beautiful oak groves and ancient pine and fir forests.
- **South Fork Eel proposed wilderness:** Renowned among botanists for rare plants. Contains the last remaining wild "long-run" coho salmon population in California.
- **Trinity Alps Wilderness proposed additions:** Shelters the third largest swath of unprotected old-growth in northern California.
- **Underwood proposed wilderness:** Known for the South Fork Trinity River Trail and its outstanding spring wildflower displays.
- **Yolla Bolly-Middle Eel Wilderness additions:** The Middle Fork Eel River hosts 30 to 50 percent of the state's summer-run steelhead trout.
- **Yuki proposed wilderness:** The largest forested new wilderness candidate in California.

Areas we would like added to the northwest California bill

- **Berryessa Peak proposed wilderness:** Contains oak woodlands and grasslands, unusual in the National Wilderness Preservation System.
- **Cache Creek proposed wild and scenic river study:** 29 miles of stream in Lake and Yolo counties.



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