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Ms. Martha Crusius, Project Manager
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San Gabriel Watershed and Mountains Study
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Comments On:**San Gabriel Watershed and Mountains Special Resources Study and Environmental Assessment**

Dear Ms. Crusius:

The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (Conservancy) strongly recommends the formation of a San Gabriel Region National Recreation Area as outlined in "Alternative D" of the above-referenced study. Alternative D is the best option for protecting and conserving the region's ecological and recreational resources, while also enabling the greatest level of cooperation amongst the public agencies that would assist the National Park Service in managing the proposed National Recreation Area (NRA). The existing Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area should serve a model of a successful NRA.

The Conservancy also recommends that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority be included amongst the list of partner agencies that would cooperatively manage the proposed NRA.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Paul Edelman of our staff at 310-589-3200, ext. 128, or by e-mail at edelman@smmc.ca.gov. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

ANTONIO GONZALEZ
Chairperson