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To: Interested Parties
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Re: California Congressional District 26 Wilderness Survey Findings

Working in conjunction with the Campaign for America's Wilderness, Public Opinion Strategies conducted a survey in California's 26th Congressional District. The survey, which took place from July 6-8, had a sample size of 400 voters, with a margin of error of +/- 4.9%.

Results of this survey show that voters in the 26th Congressional District view positively the ideas of protecting more publicly-owned undeveloped lands as wilderness and more streams and rivers as Wild and Scenic Rivers. There is strong support among voters in the 26th Congressional District for adding to the existing San Gabriel, Sheep Mountain, and Cucamonga wilderness areas and protecting free flowing segments of the San Gabriel River, the San Antonio Creek, and the Middle Fork Lytle Creek.

The following are the key findings from the survey:

- Generically speaking, voters in the 26th District are very much in favor of protecting more lands in Southern California as wilderness (67% favor and 26% oppose with 45% strongly in favor).
 - Even Republicans at fifty-two percent (52%) favor and forty-three percent (43%) oppose are in favor of protecting more local lands.
- Speaking generically again, protecting more streams and rivers in Southern California is even more popular than protecting wilderness lands (72% favor and 18% oppose). Forty-eight percent (48%) strongly favor is a very big number that is hard to argue with.
 - Republicans are also more in favor of protecting the streams and rivers at fifty-seven percent (57%) favor and thirty-three percent (33%) oppose.
- Voters in the 26th District are extremely supportive of the specific proposal to protect additional public lands in the San Gabriel Mountains as wilderness and rivers and streams as wild and scenic rivers (75% favor and 15% oppose). Anytime more than 50% of voters say they strongly favor anything (55% on this proposal), it means the argument against would be difficult to make.
 - Female voters show more intensity in favor (58%) of the proposal than men (51%), but both are over the 50% level.
 - Voters of all ages are strongly supportive of the plan, but those in the 50-64 age range are especially supportive with sixty percent (60%) intensity.

- The legislation is popular across partisan lines, but Republicans do not show as much intensity as Democrats (67%) or Independents (59%). However, the Republicans are still over forty percent (42%) intensity.
- Hispanic/Latino Voters in the district support the proposal with more intensity (59%) than their Caucasian counterparts (53%).
- Only among those voters who ride off-road motorized vehicles at least occasionally does the intense support for the proposal drop below forty percent (39%), but their overall support is still at a comfortable fifty-seven percent (57%) despite the restrictions the proposal would place on them.
- Cyclists, who will also be restricted by the proposal, are still strongly in its favor (73% favor and 20% oppose with 60% strongly in favor).
- Hunters and anglers are also very supportive of the proposal (76% favor and 15% oppose with 57% strongly in favor).