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Re: Rim of the Valley Corridor Alternative D

Honorable Rep. Schiff:

The Federation of Hillside and Canyon Associations, Inc. is a group of 45 resident and homeowner associations representing approximately 250,000 residents within the city of Los Angeles spanning the Santa Monica Mountains. Part of the Federation's mission is to encourage and promote those policies and programs which will best preserve the natural topography and wildlife of the mountains and hillsides for the benefit of all the people of Los Angeles. At its June, 2015 meeting the Federation unanimously voted to support Alternative D.

Although the NPS's Selected Alternative, a hybrid of Alternative C and D, is a wonderful project, it is not as expansive as Alternative D. Alternative D includes the critical habitat and wildlife connectivity to the north.

Alternative D recognizes the importance of preserving habitat and wildlife connectivity by nearly doubling the SMMNRA. Connectivity is essential in preserving and enhancing biodiversity. Increasing urban intrusion on habitat has already impacted the ability of wildlife to move into other territories to maintain genetic diversity. The recent deaths of mountain lions attempting to cross freeways underscores this need. Alternative D would establish linkages from the Santa Susana Mountains to the Los Padres National Forest and to areas north of the San Gabriel Mountains.

We support the goals of the Rim of the Valley Corridor Study to preserve the natural, cultural, and historic riches in our surrounding mountains and applaud Congressman Schiff for initiating this important study. Protection of our natural resources, enhancement of wildlife connectivity to ensure biodiversity, and expansion of outdoor recreational opportunities are extremely important to us.

The Federation therefore urges the National Park Service to select the optimal plan for conservation and recreation, Alternative D.

Best regards,

Marian Dodge
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