

California State Senate

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NORTHERN CALIFORNIA'S SECOND SENATE DISTRICT



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Dear Ms. Fris and Ms. Hutzal:

I am writing to express my support of The Wildlands Conservancy's conservation acquisition and permanent stewardship of the final phase of the Lone Pine Ranch in Trinity County along the Wild and Scenic Eel River and the future Great Redwood Trail.

This land will be added to and managed as a part of the Conservancy's Eel River Canyon Preserve which already includes 18,575 acres. This project will also provide a new access at Kekawaka Creek along the Eel River Canyon for members of the general public, local communities, and organized groups, building a new constituency that cherishes this national treasure.

The acquisition aligns closely with State of California's 30x30 priorities including:

1. Protection of forests through active restoration and wildfire resiliency management techniques.
2. Carbon sequestration in trees and the property's many wetlands which is estimated to secure thousands of metric tons of carbon.
3. Expansion of landscape linkages and wildlife corridors for wildlife like Roosevelt elk.
4. Opportunities to hike, paddle, and camp along the Great Redwood Trail and the Eel River, helping to diversify the region's economy.

The Wildlands Conservancy's efforts to protect this beautiful landscape will benefit Californians, local communities, and visitors by protecting natural resources and providing free access for passive recreation and interpretive activities.

I respectfully encourage you to support this proposal. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to us at 707-468-8914.

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Mike McGuire", written in a cursive style.

MIKE MCGUIRE
Senator