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The Mountain Pact is Supportive of the Effort to Expand the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument

DURANGO, CO - In response to California Senator Alex Padilla and Representative Judy Chu, along with local elected officials and community leaders calling for President Biden to expand the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument, [The Mountain Pact](#), released the below statement:

Anna Peterson, Executive Director of [The Mountain Pact](#), an organization that works with local elected officials in over 100 communities across the Western U.S., said, *"We are supportive of the locally-led effort to urge President Biden to expand the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument. The Monument should be expanded to help increase equitable access to nature for communities within Los Angeles County, conserve sources for critical drinking water, and honor the historical and scientific importance of the landscape."*

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Founded in 2014, [The Mountain Pact](#) mobilizes local elected officials in over 100 Western mountain communities with outdoor recreation based economies to speak with a collective voice on federal climate, public lands, and outdoor recreation policy.

More Information:

National monuments and their designations are incredibly bi-partisan. Congress passed the [Antiquities Act](#) in 1906 and since then, 18 presidents - nine Democratic and nine Republican - have established or expanded [161 national monuments](#).