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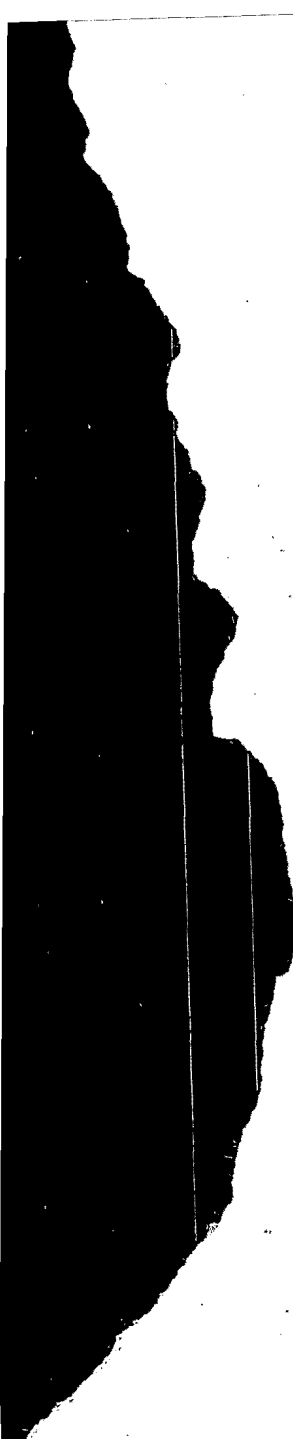
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U.S. to Buy Big Sur Gateway on Calif. Coast

Clinton Announces Preservation of Southernmost Range of Coastal Redwoods

By ELLEN NAKASHIMA
Washington Post Staff Writer

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 24—President Clinton today announced the expansion of Los Padres National Forest, granting new protection for 784 acres of forest, meadow and rugged cliffs along the central California coast.

The \$4.55 million acquisition preserves the southern gateway to Big Sur and the southernmost range of coastal redwoods. Big Sur's 90 miles of rugged coastline and sheer cliffs are known around the world for their beauty and special habitat for endangered species.

"I want the national government and every community in our country to be able to have the resources to make gifts like this well into the future," Clinton said, speaking to the California League of Conservation Voters. That is why, he said, he is urging the Congress to provide permanent funding for open spaces by passing the Conservation and Reinvestment Act (CARA). The legislation passed the House with more than 300 votes, but it is stalled in the Senate.

Clinton's fiscal 2001 budget proposes permanent land conservation funding of at least \$1.4 billion a year, with at least half going to support state and local conservation efforts. Permanent funding, under CARA, would ensure that the federal government, states and

local communities have a consistent source of money to protect open spaces, farmland, forests, ocean and coastal resources, and urban and suburban parks, an administration fact sheet stated.

About half of California's Big Sur region is within the 1.75 million-acre Los Padres National Forest. The U.S. Forest Service acquired the new land, known as the San Carpoforo Creek parcel, from the Trust for Public Land, which

had purchased the property from a ranching family committed to seeing the land protected.

"I'll never forget the first time I saw it 30 years ago," Clinton said. "It's a coastline we value not just for its breathtaking views, but as a home for endangered species like the steelhead trout and Smith's blue butterfly."

The acquisition also ensures protection of public access to the Big Sur coastline. With the Mon-

terey Bay National Marine Sanctuary off the coast, the region draws millions of visitors each year.

Clinton also called on Congress to send him budget bills free of anti-environmental riders. Administration officials said that bills now before Congress contain riders that aim to block cleanup of contaminated sediments at Superfund sites, undermine efforts to improve air quality and weaken protection for drinking water.

Clinton, Lazio Agree to Ban 'Soft Money' Ads

By JULIET EILPERIN
Washington Post Staff Writer

New York Senate candidates Hillary Rodham Clinton and GOP Rep. Rick Lazio have agreed to ban the kind of costly issue advertising on television and radio that is financed by unlimited campaign contributions to political parties.

The candidates' unprecedented decision to willingly eschew millions of dollars in these donations, known as "soft money," marked a victory for campaign finance reform advocates. But it could pose a problem for Clinton, who has raised large sums for the national party at the same time she has lagged behind Lazio in collecting smaller, more restricted donations to her own campaign.

The agreement reached this weekend could easily fall apart, because party leaders and outside interest groups must restrain their spending in order to make it work. Under the pact Democrats and Republicans could continue to devote soft-money contributions to get-out-the-vote efforts and direct-mail appeals, but they would halt all TV and radio commercials run on behalf of either Clinton or Lazio. They would also ask their political allies to stop running ads.

Lazio, who has pushed aggressively for the ban since he debated Clinton two weeks ago, said yesterday on ABC's "This Week" that the accord is "a tremendous victory for America if it holds. It will demonstrate that New York doesn't need a law to do the right thing."

Clinton confirmed that there is an agreement, which will take effect Wednesday when ads bought in advance by the state Democratic Party on her behalf run out.

"I am urging all organizations and entities supporting me both here and in Washington to respect my wishes and refrain from running TV and radio ads supporting me," she said Saturday in Manhattan. "I expect Mr. Lazio to do the same with the Republican and Conservative parties in New York and in Washington and with all his ad hoc supporters."

Clinton, who has raised millions of dollars for the Democrats' New York Senate 2000 committee, has had less success in recent weeks collecting federally restricted donations, which in the general election are limited to \$1,000 per person. Between July 1 and Aug. 23, for example, Lazio outraised Clinton by more than three to one.

Republicans and Democrats

agreed Clinton had the most to lose financially from the agreement.

"She's gotten herself hamstrung by being so reliant on soft money," said Rep. Thomas M. Reynolds (R-N.Y.), who serves as Lazio's campaign chair. "She's really been dragged into this, saying she's an opponent of soft money and being a master at spending it."

But Clinton spokesman Howard Wolfson, who emphasized that Clinton had first called for a soft-money ban in December, when she was running against New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, said he was agreeing to the pledge despite the fact that it's to Lazio's "political advantage." Democrats have already spent roughly \$4.5 million on issue ads promoting Clinton's candidacy, while Lazio's allies have spent only a fraction of that amount.

"When Hillary makes a commitment she stands by it, and New Yorkers know that," Wolfson said. He added that he hoped the conservative groups who had pledged to spend tens of millions of dollars attacking Clinton would now hold their fire. "If this agreement stops them from doing that, it's a good thing for New York."

Despite the accord, it appears unlikely that the candidates' allies will halt their activities. National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League President Kate Michelman, whose New York affiliate has already run a round of ads attacking Lazio's record on abortion, said her group "cannot participate in a campaign of silence."

New York Republicans already are chafing at the restrictions, and National Republican Senatorial Committee Chairman Mitch McConnell (Ky.) has consistently defended the practice of raising and spending soft money. A McConnell spokesman said yesterday the senator could not be reached for comment.

Fox's Broadcast Network to Skip Oct. 3 Debate

Associated Press

NEW YORK—A second big broadcast network will not carry the first presidential debate between George W. Bush and Al

Gore. Fox will show entertainment programming instead on Oct. 3, although the debate will be carried by its corporate partner, Fox News Channel.

NBC will broadcast a first-round baseball playoff game instead of the debate, in keeping with its contract with Major League Baseball.

Jim Jordan, political director for the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee, said yesterday that the DSCC's chairman, Robert G. Torricelli (N.J.), agreed to abide by [Clinton's] es pending a similar agreement with the relevant Republican organizations.

While Lazio had pushed the agreement to be enforced by aisan committee, Clinton insisted that it be monitored voluntarily each side. If supporters of one campaign violate the ban, the other can respond "proportionately" spending the same amount of money.

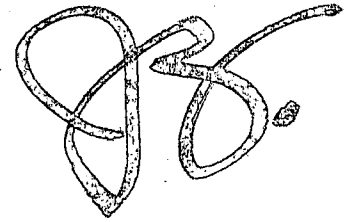
New York pollster John Zogby predicted the ban would have "zero" effect on spending in the race, adding, "Does anyone really believe all those groups are really going to stop?"

Lazio has already indicated he will disband his state political action committee and return the money to donors. By contrast, Jordan emphasized the money collected by the DSCC is under its control and Clinton will not be able to dictate how its remaining funds are spent.

With just over six weeks left in the race, the new spending limits may not have a dramatic impact. But reformers said the agreement demonstrated how ending the influence of large campaign donations had finally emerged as a powerful political issue.

"If these two candidates go forward with a soft-money ban in the most prominent race in the country, besides the presidential race, I think it becomes a key breakthrough in the effort to end this system," said Fred Wertheimer, president of the campaign reform group Democracy 21.

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**PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
TALKING POINTS ON THE ENVIRONMENT
CALIFORNIA LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS
BEL AIR, CALIFORNIA
September 24, 2000**

Acknowledgments: event hosts Carole King & Phil Alden Robinson; event chairs Ruth Hunter, Fran Diamond, Wendy James; congressional candidates Michael Case, Susan Davis, Jane Harman, Mike Honda, Adam Schiff, Gerrie Schipske [Jerry Ship-ski]

I want to thank the CLCV for this Environmental Leadership Award. But mostly, I want to thank you for your leadership in keeping our citizens knowledgeable and our elected representatives accountable on environmental issues.

On this day, 94 years ago, President Theodore Roosevelt designated America's very first National Monument – Devil's Tower, in Wyoming. President Roosevelt set us on the path of conservation a century ago. Today, at the start of a new century, we are working to keep that commitment every bit as strong.

For more than 7 years now, VP Gore and I have been fighting to do just that. I'm proud of the opportunities we have had to be environmental stewards – to protect our most precious places while making the economy grow. We have rid hundreds of neighborhoods of toxic waste dumps; taken the most dramatic steps in a generation to clean the air we breathe; and made record investments in science and technology to reduce the threat of global warming.

Here in California, we have designated National Monuments to preserve ancient redwood forests and vital coastal lands and waters. We expanded the Pinnacles National Monument, which President Roosevelt created, and we dedicated a National Preserve in the Mojave Desert. This is part of our effort to protect America's most treasured natural resources, from the Grand Canyon to Yellowstone to the Everglades, as well as more than 40 million acres of "roadless areas."

Today, we are taking another step to preserve another precious place for the ages – all the life it contains, all the beauty it embodies. My administration is acting to protect 200 acres at the southern gateway to Big Sur – coastline we value not only for its dramatic views but as a home for endangered species. Thanks to funds provided in our Lands Legacy Initiative, we are making this gift to the future.

I believe that every community should have the resources to make its own gifts to the future. That's why I'm urging Congress to provide permanent funding for America's open spaces – to pass the Conservation and Reinvestment Act and to significantly boost our Lands Legacy Initiative. The House has cast an overwhelming bipartisan vote in favor of CARA;



there's strong support in the Senate for similar legislation. I call on the Senate leadership to get this done.

I also call on Congress to send me budget bills free of anti-environmental riders – riders that would weaken public health protections, undercut efforts to combat climate change, and surrender our public lands to private interests. I have vetoed bills before when they had anti-environmental riders – and, if necessary, I'll do so again. I hope Congress will choose to work with me and for our environment.

Our nation has an even bigger choice to make this fall. Of course, it's not up to me; it's up to the American people. But I want you to know that Al Gore is a good man who believes deeply in the promise of this nation. He will fight hard – as he has for many years – to protect and preserve our environment for future generations. And in that fight, I hope he'll be joined by a Congress full of men and women like the six who join us here today – men and women who know that the stewardship of our lands should never be a partisan issue.

At the dawn of this new century, we can build on Theodore Roosevelt's legacy – and protect our air, our water, and our most cherished lands for the centuries to come. I know you will be a vital part of that effort. And I am glad that you remain, as President Roosevelt put it, "in the arena." Thank you.

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PRESIDENT CLINTON PROTECTS CALIFORNIA'S BIG SUR COAST FOR ENDANGERED SPECIES AND PUBLIC ACCESS

September 24, 2000



~~The Administration today protected a 200-acre parcel of forest along California's rugged and pristine Big Sur coast, noted for its scenic beauty and important habitat for endangered and threatened species. The Administration completed the purchase with funding provided in the President's Lands Legacy Initiative. The new land becomes part of the Los Padres National Forest. The Administration also continued to urge Congress to pass permanent conservation funding, and to send him budget bills free of anti-environmental riders.~~

~~**Preserving America's Public Lands:**~~ Under this Administration's leadership, America is rededicated to preserving and protecting its open spaces. In the past seven years, the Administration has strengthened protections for millions of acres of federal lands and saved and restored natural treasures from Florida's Everglades and coral reefs to over 400,000 acres of California desert. The Administration has helped hundreds of communities protect parks, farms, and other green spaces, and worked with landowners to restore and preserve the natural values of private lands.

~~**Protecting Big Sur's Endangered Species, Ensuring Public Access:**~~ The Big Sur area's 90 miles of rugged coastline and sheer cliffs are appreciated around the world. Wide expanses of grassy meadows and dense redwood forests characterize the world-renowned coastline. Approximately 50 percent of the California's Big Sur region is located within the Los Padres National Forest. The U.S. Forest Service has worked with non-profit partners such as the Trust for Public Land to protect the southern gateway to Big Sur, with funds provided in the President's Lands Legacy Initiative.



~~The 200-acre San Carpoforo Creek parcel, with an estimated value of \$4.5 million, is significant for its scenic values and habitat for endangered species. The land extends to the Pacific Ocean — with the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary off the coast — allowing for public access to the ocean, an unusual feature along the length of the Big Sur coastline.~~

~~**Broad Bipartisan Support for Permanent Conservation Funding**~~

On Saturday, tens of thousands of Americans cleaned streams, cleared trails, restored campsites, and removed debris at national parks, forests, and managed lands in celebration of National Public Lands Days. This commitment reflects a national desire to preserve our public lands for this and future generations. Last year, the President secured \$652 million — a 42 percent increase — to support federal, state, and local efforts to protect America's land and coastal resources in FY 2000.

The President's fiscal year 2001 budget proposes a new category to ensure permanent funding of at least \$1.4 billion per year, with at least half going to support state and local conservation efforts. It would mean that citizens could enjoy more open spaces — such as the Los Padres National Forest and in their own neighborhoods — and that future generations of Americans can appreciate the natural treasures that are among this nation's greatest riches.

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PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON

REMARKS ON CONSERVATION

THE WHITE HOUSE

September 21, 2000

Ack. Sen. Gaylord Nelson, Mayor Brent Coles (Boise, ID).

I'm joined here today by conservation and community leaders from around the country who've come to Washington to fight for the protection of our open spaces and our most precious lands. We believe that every community and every generation should preserve our open spaces so that children and parents have a place to fish, kick a soccer ball, or enjoy a simple picnic. ~~Today we're here to call on the Congress to provide permanent funding for~~ open spaces -- with federal funds dedicated to supporting state and local communities.

~~The stewardship of our lands has never been a partisan issue. The House proved that,~~ under the leadership of Congressmen George Miller and Don Young, when it cast an ~~overwhelming bipartisan vote to provide permanent funding for America's open spaces.~~ And ~~I know that there's significant support in the Senate for similar legislation.~~ So I call on the ~~Senate leadership to work with Senators Frank Murkowski and Jeff Bingaman to pass the~~ Conservation and Reinvestment Act - "CARA."

Growing up in Arkansas, some of my fondest memories were throwing a baseball in my neighborhood park and hiking in the woods of the Ozarks. Those are experiences that all children should have the opportunity -- and the resources -- to enjoy.

In too many communities, as our green and open spaces continue to disappear, it's becoming harder and harder to protect what little land we have left: the meadows and seashores where children can play ... the lands where farmers can harvest ... the streams where families can fish. And with more people visiting our national parks and forests, we must do more to preserve and protect these American treasures.

That's why baseball Hall-of-Famer, Gaylord Perry is here today. He believes, as we all do, that all our children should have a place to play little league. It's also why Sue Maturkanich [Matt-TURK-An-Itch], who's a teacher in West Olive, Michigan, is here - to remind parents just how essential it is for their children to have a place to play.

For seven and a half years now, Vice President Gore and I have been fighting for the same cause -- to protect our natural treasures, and provide communities with the resources they need to preserve our green and open spaces. Working with Congress, we protected Yellowstone from the threat of mining, preserved the Baca Ranch in New Mexico, and saved the age-old California Redwoods. We also launched the most ambitious environmental restoration effort ever in the magnificent Florida Everglades. We've provided significant new resources to help states and communities preserve farms, urban parks, and other precious open spaces.

We helped the citizens of Boise, Idaho develop a 55-acre recreation complex, so that children and parents have a place to enjoy the wonders of nature close to home.

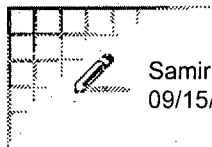
Right here in Washington, we helped the city rebuild Girard Street Park - the only open space in an entire neighborhood. This park will give children a place to play in safety, and the community a place to call their own.

We believe that every community should have such places - so neighborhood parks and baseball fields are as common as cellular phones and video games. That's why CARA is so important, and why Congress must pass the legislation before it adjourns.

I also call on Congress to provide the resources to protect our air and water and ensure permanent funding for land conservation. And I implore them to send me budget bills free of anti-environmental riders. Once again, these bills are being polluted with riders aimed at weakening public health protections, blocking common-sense efforts to combat climate change, and surrendering our public lands to private interests. In fact, in the last twenty-four hours, Congress has added additional riders. Let me be clear: I have vetoed bills before because they contained anti-environmental riders - and, if necessary, I'll do so again. So I urge Congress to drop these riders. Let's work together to protect our environment.

A century ago, President Theodore Roosevelt set us on the path of conservation, reminding us that "our responsibilities to the coming millions is like that of parents to their children ... In wasting our resources we are wronging our descendents." Since then, we've answered Roosevelt's call to conservation - putting progress over partisanship, to restore and protect our environment. In the weeks ahead, let's continue that effort, and preserve our open spaces and natural treasures for generations to come.

Thank you.



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PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS FOUNDATION DINNER
WASHINGTON, DC
September 16, 2000

Acknowledge: Chair of CBC James Clyburn; Chair of the Dinner Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson; Chair of CBC Foundation Eva Clayton; all of the members and former members of the CBC; Emcees Louis Stokes and Phylicia Rashad; award winners Arthur Eve, Kenneth Hill, Rodney Carroll, Tom Joyner, Tavis Smiley, the late LeBaron Taylor, Bill Kennard, Ambassador Sisulu representing Nelson Mandela. All of the members of my Cabinet, my White House team, and my entire Administration—the most diverse in our history.

I thank the Vice President for his remarks. I'll have more to say about him later. I thank Joe Lieberman who I have known for more than 30 years. I also want to share warm wishes from Hillary who wanted so much to be here.

This is my last CBC Dinner as President. I haven't missed one in my years at the White House. More than anything else, I want to say thank you. Thank you for your leadership and friendship. In so many ways, you have always been there for me. I want to thank many of you for joining me in Selma this year as we marked the 35th anniversary of Bloody Sunday—and for being a part of my visit to Nigeria and Tanzania last month. Now I can say something no American President has ever been able to say—it was good to go to Africa for the second time.

Thank you, most of all, for moving us further along the road of freedom. In his final

sermon, Dr. King reminded us that work is as old as America itself. He said it's about going "back to those great wells of democracy dug deep by our Founding Fathers and the Constitution." To draw from that well, the Congressional Black Caucus has always challenged us to dig deep within our own hearts—to face our flaws, renew our bonds, and live up to our nation's creed. After all, most of the things you have worked for have not benefited African-Americans exclusively—or even primarily. Your mission is rooted in our most enduring values. Everyone counts. Everyone deserves a chance. Everyone has a role to play. We all do better when we help each other.

Eight years ago this month, I spoke here as a candidate for President. Things were different then. We had a bad economy, worsening social problems, and an increasingly divisive political climate. I came here and said that my campaign was "dedicated to two simple ideas." First, if we wanted to make progress on our challenges, I said, "we must change course". And second, "we must do it together with a sense of community."

Thanks to your support through these last eight years, we have changed course—we changed economic policy, education policy, health care policy, environment policy, foreign policy. The results are in. 22 million new jobs. The lowest unemployment and welfare rates in 30 years. Lowest crime rate in 25 years. Lowest poverty rate in 20 years.

Lowest African-American unemployment rate on record. Lowest female unemployment in 40 years. Highest homeownership in history. Longest economic expansion in history.

Our social fabric is on the mend. The teen birth rate has dropped to the lowest level ever recorded. Childhood poverty continues its decline. Last year, for the first time, the African American high school graduation rate was the same as the rate for whites. This week, I released a new study showing that the number of African American students taking advanced placement courses has nearly tripled since 1988. Just yesterday, we released a report showing that church arsons have been cut in half in four years.

Scripture says: "Let us not love in word and speech but in deed and in truth." [1 John 3:18] In deed and in truth, we have turned our country around and we're bringing our nation together.

But there's still a lot of work to do. The question is: What are we going to do with this moment? It's often easier to make a mistake when times are good than when times are bad. I believe we should make the most of it by taking on our big challenges.

We can get the country out of debt for the first time since 1835. We can extend the life of Social Security and Medicare beyond the Baby Boom generation so we won't bankrupt our children and their ability to raise our grandchildren. We can end child poverty. We can open the doors of a college education to all. We can give everyone a chance to be a part of this strong economy. And we must start right now.

That's why we're fighting for all the things we heard about this evening--strong schools

and modern classrooms for our children—raising the minimum wage—tax incentives to invest in new markets and bring new jobs and businesses to places that have been left behind--a real Medicare prescription drug benefit--a strong Patients Bill of Rights—and more to fight deadly diseases including AIDS.

We also need to enforce our civil rights laws and my budget includes the largest investment in enforcement ever. We're fighting for a strong hate crimes bill. We also ought to pass legislation that restores more fairness to our immigration system and provides much needed help to immigrant families from places like Liberia and Haiti.

And there's one more issue I want to touch on. I'm proud to have appointed more women and minorities to the federal bench than any President in history. So far, I have appointed 62 African American judges – more than three times the number of African American judges appointed by Presidents Bush and Reagan *combined*. My appointees have garnered the highest percentages of top ABA ratings of any president in nearly 40 years – proving once again that diversity and quality go hand in hand.

But the quality of justice suffers when, for partisan political reasons, highly qualified women and minority candidates are denied an opportunity to serve. I'll never forget the disgraceful party line defeat of Judge Ronnie White, the first African American to serve on the Missouri Supreme Court.

We're seeing another travesty of justice in the Fourth Circuit, which has the largest African-American population of any in the nation but has never had an African-American judge.

Last year at this dinner, I told you about my nomination of an outstanding judge from North Carolina, James Wynn, to serve on the Fourth Circuit. More 400 days have passed, but the Senate hasn't found one day to schedule a hearing.

This year, I nominated Roger Gregory, of Virginia. He was the first in his family to finish high school. He went on to excel in college and law school, returning to teach at Virginia State University, where his mother once worked as a maid. Today, Roger Gregory is a highly-respected Richmond litigator who has tried hundreds of cases in the Virginia courts.

The Republican leadership claims that they defer to home state Senators in confirming judges. That's why, they say, they've blocked the confirmation of Judge Wynn--Senator Helms has said no. But Roger Gregory has the support of both his home state Senators. Senator Robb recommended him to me and is fighting hard for him. Senator Warner has urged a hearing for Roger Gregory. But so far, not a word. Justice delayed is justice denied. Tonight, I urge the Senate to do America justice and give Roger Gregory and my other nominees the hearing they deserve.

~~There are clear choices this fall. Those decisions belong to the American people. But I want you to know that Al Gore is good man who believes deeply in the promise of this country. From his leadership for empowerment zones to his commitment to bridging the~~

~~digital divide - he has shown that he understands the future and will work to bring everyone along.~~

Thanks to the work of the CBC, we have built a new economy and these are good times for America. But there's an African proverb: "Smooth seas do not make skillful sailors." We can't let these smooth seas lull us into making bad choices. America needs a leader at the helm who understands how we got here—and knows what it takes to keep our prosperity going and lift all boats. I just received an economic analysis that said that if the Vice President's economic program passes and we keep on track to get this country out of debt in 12 years, it will keep interest rates at a minimum one percent lower a year over the next decade. That's worth \$390 billion to American families in lower home mortgages; \$30 billion in lower car payments; \$15 billion in lower college loan payments. In other words, a \$425 billion tax cut to ordinary working families.

My friends, we have achieved so much together, but the best is still out there if we make the right choices. Galatians summons us: "While we have time, let us do good." [Galatians 6:10] I want to thank you with all my heart for the privilege of working with you to do good for America, to affirm our common humanity and move us closer to the one America of our dreams. No issue is more important to me because I believe the American people will figure out how to solve everything else if we can have the right kind of relations toward one another.

I know you believe that, too. It's a long journey. We're not there yet. But look how far we've come. My friends, we're going to get to there. And I pledge to keep walking with you until we do.

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Restore the Leadership in 2000!

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Dear _____

The balloons have fallen, the delegates have gone home and the conventions are over. Now the work begins! The California League of Conservation Voters is delighted to invite you to the 7th Annual Environmental Leadership Awards, honoring William Jefferson Clinton's environmental achievements of the past eight years.



Bill Clinton has increasingly focused his attention on preserving California's incomparable natural treasures: the protection of the Giant Sequoias, the creation of the California Coastal Monument, the granting of national park status to Death Valley, as well as expanding its acreage. In addition, his clear vision and leadership on environmental issues has made a significant difference for the health of the people of California and the planet. His groundbreaking Executive Order on Environmental Justice engaged the federal government in the critical task of ensuring the environmental health of California's communities of color.

This year's event will be held at the home of Carole King & Phil Alden Robinson on September 24, 2000. The honorary Co-chairs are State Senator and recipient of the 2000 Profiles in Courage award, Hilda Solis; and Rampa Hormel, board member of the national League of Conservation Voters.

For his contributions to the environment, CLCV will be presenting William Jefferson Clinton with the Environmental Legacy Award, the League's highest honor.

In an effort to focus attention on restoring leadership in the U.S. Congress, CLCV will also feature six targeted Congressional candidates: Mike Honda (15th C.D., Silicon Valley), Michael Case (23rd C.D., Ventura), Adam Schiff (27th C.D., Burbank), Jane Harman (36th C.D., Palos Verdes), Gerrie Schipske (38th C.D., Long Beach) and Susan Davis (49th C.D., San Diego). When we win these races in November, we will succeed in restoring a pro-environmental majority in the Congress and environmentalists across America will breathe a sigh of relief.

CLCV has spent 28 years electing pro-environmental legislators and making sure that they pay attention to the issues important to the people of California. Please join us on September 24 in recognizing William Jefferson Clinton and the six targeted Congressional candidates by purchasing one of the sponsorship packages on the enclosed reply form. For more information, please call Rodney Scott at (310) 441-4162, ext. 304, or e-mail rscott@ecovote.org.

We look forward to seeing you at the event!

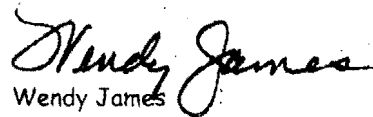
Best regards,



Ruth Hunter
Event Co-Chair



Fran Diamond
Event Co-Chair

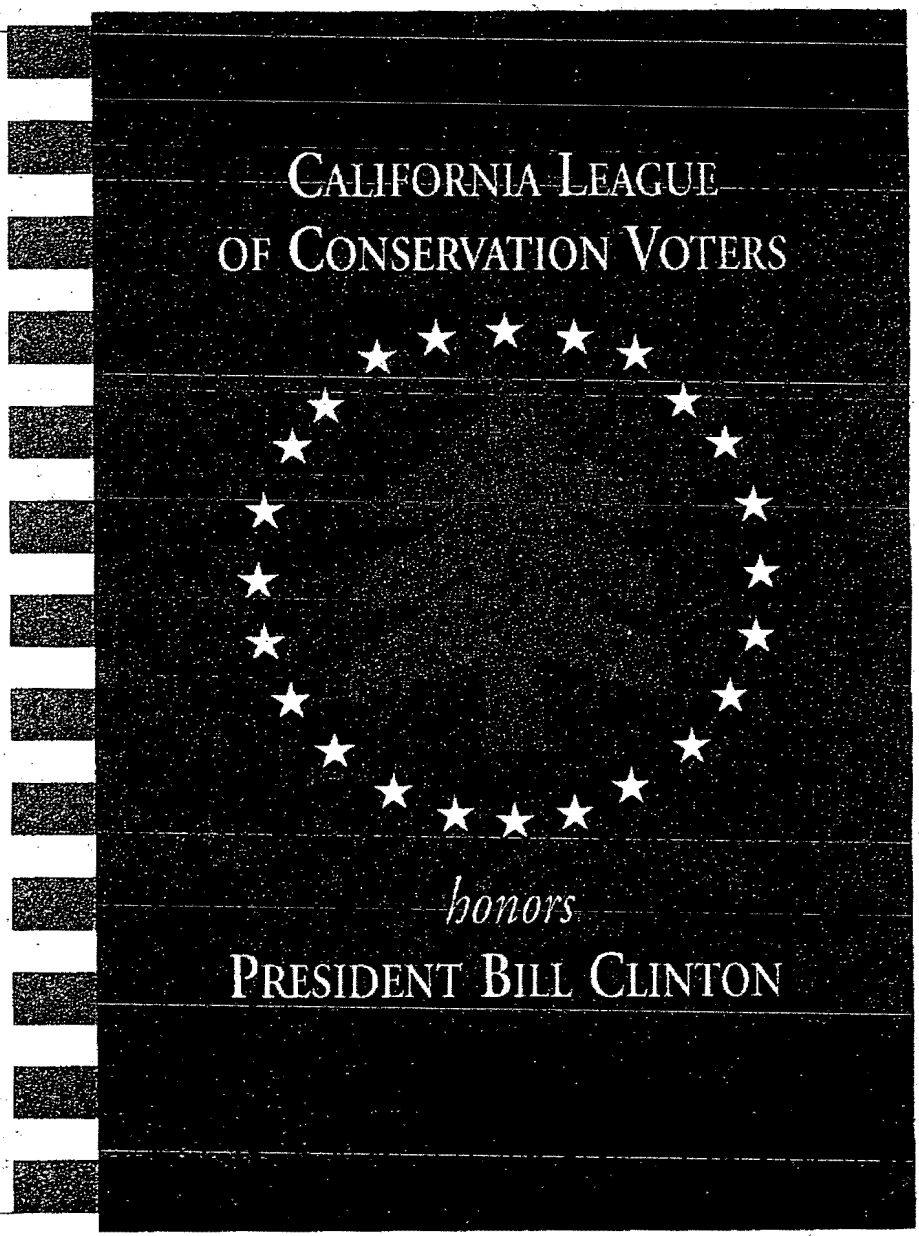


Wendy James
Event Co-Chair

CALIFORNIA LEAGUE
OF CONSERVATION VOTERS
MISSION STATEMENT

1. As its primary objective, to increase public awareness of the performance of elected officials on environmental issues, to influence the decisions of public officials on environmental legislation and policy, and to engage in related social welfare activities to promote and protect the environment.
2. As its secondary objective, to support candidates for public office who demonstrate a commitment to conservation and protection of natural resources and environmental quality.

invitation outside



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State Senator Hilda Solis
Rampa, Hormel

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Honors

PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON

with the Environmental Leadership Award

at their

RESTORE THE LEADERSHIP EVENT

at the home of Phil Alden Robinson

and Carole King

Bel Air, California

Sunday, September 24th in the afternoon

(time undetermined)

Cocktails, reception

For more information call:

310/559-9334 x160

invitation inside

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12:30 California Time, 3:30 our time

Forwarder for Col. LCV

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~~STAY~~
- R. A. Hunter, Pres. knows POTUS

Look news that Forest Service is
purchasing land next to Big Sur,
will ~~be~~ public access to beach

Symbolic of all we're doing

- Apprise Justice's speech

How VP's leadership has been around
California Accommodations

Desert, Tahoe, off-shore oil

Talking about, highlight movement
if it makes it...

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Political western

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MEMORANDUM

To: Presidential Speechwriting

From: Robert A. Pérez,
Communications Director,
California League of Conservation Voters

Re: Suggested Talking Points for Sunday, September 24 environmental fundraiser with the President

Background

This event is a fundraiser for the California League of Conservation Voters (CLCV), the political arm of the environmental movement in California. In addition to honoring the President with the Environmental Legacy Award, the event is being billed as CLCV's effort to "Restore Environmental Leadership" to the House of Representatives. CLCV is working to elect six pro-environmental House candidates in competitive districts in California.

Most of the guests in attendance will be long-time supporters of CLCV and are strongly committed to environmental protection.

The event is being hosted at the home of singer/songwriter Carole King and her husband, producer Phil Robinson.

Acknowledgements

Please acknowledge the following attendees:

Event hosts: Phil Alden Robinson & Carole King

Event chairs: Ruth Hunter, Fran Diamond, & Wendy James

Honorary chairs: State Senator Hilda Solis
(running for 31st Congressional District with only 3rd party opposition)
Rampa Hormel

CA House Candidates: Assemblymember Mike Honda (D - San Jose) - 15th Congressional District
Michael Case (D - Ventura County) - 23rd Congressional District
State Senator Adam Schiff (D - Pasadena) - 27th Congressional District
Jane Harman (D - Marina Del Rey) - 36th Congressional District
Gerrie Schipske (Jerry Ship-ski) (D - Long Beach) - 38th Congressional District
Assemblymember Susan Davis (D - San Diego) - 49th Congressional District

The following elected officials will be in attendance. The President may choose which officials he would like to acknowledge:

Assemblymember Antonio Villaraigosa (Vi-YA-ra-gosa) - D-Los Angeles, 45th AD
(Assembly Speaker Emeritus)

State Senator Tom Hayden - D-Los Angeles, 23rd Senate District
(leaving the State Legislature after 18 years)

State Senator Martha Escutia (Es-COO-tee-a) – D-Montebello, Senate District 30

Supervisor Dave Potter, Monterey County

Mayor Hector De La Torre, Soutgate

City Councilmember Shirley Detloff, Huntington Beach

Former Mayor Fran Pavley, Agoura Hills (Candidate for State Assembly)

City Councilwoman Cindy Miscikowski (Mi-SIH-cow-ski), Los Angeles

Talking Points

In addition to the White House accomplishments on environmental protection, with specific focus on coastal sanctuaries and national monuments, the President should also focus on the importance of CLCV's efforts in California to win back the House of Representatives:

"If you don't think the race to win back the House of Representatives is important for the environment, just think about this: the current Republican members of Congress who chair the five House committees that oversee environmental protection have a collective rating of 1.2% out of 100% from the League of Conservation Voters. The highest score was 6% by Chairman Don Young of Alaska. Every other Republican House Chairman got zeroes from the League of Conservation Voters. The Republican leadership has demonstrated an utter contempt for environmental protection. If California voters care about the environment, then California voters will vote to restore environmental leadership in the United States Congress."

House Committee	Chairman	Score
Agriculture	Larry Combest (TX-19)	0%
Appropriations	Bill Young (FL-10)	0%
Commerce	Tom Bliley (VA-7)	0%
Resources	Don Young (AK-AL)	6%
Transportation	Bud Shuster (PA-9)	0%
		1.2%

Here are some examples of why who controls Congress matters. Congressional leaders have failed to take action on a host of environmental problems including:

1. Global Warming - Despite increasing droughts, record temperatures, and scientific research confirming that global warming is occurring, Congress did nothing to address it. In fact, they moved in the wrong direction, including riders in appropriations bills that would block agencies from even thinking about solutions. Senator Helms has even blocked ratification of the historic Kyoto Protocol we helped negotiate years ago.

2. Energy efficiency - Despite high prices and a growing need for improvements in efficiency, Congress has failed to pass any meaningful efficiency legislation. Instead, Congress has introduced bills to promote

drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, and offered more subsidies for domestic oil and gas companies and prohibited the Dept. of Transportation from even studying the benefits of raising CAFE standards for cars. **[Note: environmental groups are asking the President to commit to protecting the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge from oil drilling by declaring the coastal plain a national monument and permanently banning oil exploration there.]**

3. California Water: Even though the common wisdom regarding California's water wars is that politicians should stay away from them, we recognized that there's too much at stake to ignore this critical issue. Water management is a great resource challenge in the West, and, more and more, across the nation and the world. Here in California through the CALFED process Governor Davis and Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt are finding an approach that can produce lots of winners. We are breaking out of the old paradigm that held that we have to choose between a healthy environment and healthy agricultural and urban economies in the Golden State. To support this progress, ~~I proposed \$60-million dollars in the budget to help fund the CALFED program,~~ but so far, Congress has not allocated a penny to invest in these solutions. In fact now, some folks want to turn the clock back on these innovations. Congressman Doolittle and the Republican Congress have written a bill -- H.R. 5130 -- that would undermine the CALFED program and much of what we have accomplished over the past several years. Don Young's House Resources Committee passed that bill out on a voice vote earlier this week. Urban water users, farmers and environmentalists have criticized this bill. Governor Davis has joined Secretary Babbitt and EPA in condemning it. **[The president could commit that if for some reason this bill to undermine CALFED were to pass, he would veto it.]**

4. Protecting the Coast - Congress has still not passed legislation to reauthorize of the Coastal Zone Management Act for years now. The House remains gridlocked over concerns about property rights and a fight about whether or not to include polluted runoff controls the number one source of water pollution along our coasts. Without reauthorization states that depend on federal funds to improve coastal water quality don't get the help they need.

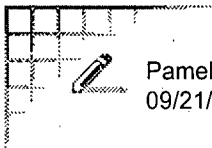
5. Drinking Water Protections - Congress continues to delay our Administration from setting drinking water protections. A rider in the FY00 appropriations bill delayed EPA in setting standards for Radium. Pending language in the FY01 bill would delay arsenic regulations.

6. Coral Reef Protections - Congress failed to pass a bill to protect coral ecosystems. Coral reefs are among the world's most biologically productive ecosystems and are often called the rainforests of the ocean and evidence continues to mount that the health of coral reefs is in dramatic decline. Several bills to authorize funding for coral health protection and research were pending, but none were passed.

That's just a sampling of the opportunities to make progress on the environment that this Congress has missed. But that's not all.

Back Door Riders - Too often over the past six years when faced with public outrage when the Congress couldn't muster the votes to pass harmful environmental legislation they tried a stealth attack instead. Over the past six years I have had to fight dozens of anti-environmental riders that Congress attached to budget bills because their proposals couldn't survive the legitimate legislative process. These riders would have rolled back hard-won environmental safeguards and given special deals to special interests by: allowing overcutting of our national forests and jeopardizing the our plan to protect more than 40 million acres of roadless areas; allowing mining companies to dump more toxic waste on public lands and delaying critical mining reforms; letting major oil companies continue paying below-market royalties on oil developed on federal lands; crippling critical protections for wetlands and wildlife; and attempting to block common-sense actions to reduce greenhouse gas pollution.

That's why it's important to have environmental friends in Congress and in the White House. I am honored to accept the Environmental Legacy Award from the California League of Conservation Voters.



Pamela P. Carpenter
09/21/2000 11:23:43 AM

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To: See the distribution list at the bottom of this message

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Subject: 2000-09/21 POTUS REMARKS UPON DEPARTURE ON CONSERVATION

THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

September 21, 2000

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
ON CONSERVATION

The Rose Garden

10:00 A.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. I would like to begin by thanking this distinguished group of Americans who have joined me and I want to introduce them all. To my immediate left, looking over my shoulder here is Mayor Brent Coles of Boise, Idaho; Senator Gaylord Nelson, the founder of Earth Day; and next to him, his small namesake, Major League Baseball legend, Gaylord Perry.

Henry Diamond is here, who is a partner in the law firm of Beveridge and Diamond, and a distinguished environmentalist, heading the largest environmental law firm in the nation. Roger Schlickeisen, the President of Defenders of Wildlife, over my right shoulder here. Jack Hanna is here, the Director Emeritus of the Columbus Zoo. Frank Beamer, the head coach of the Virginia Tech Football Team. As he said: Last year number two; and rising this year. (Laughter.)

Jimmie Lee Solomon, the Senior Vice President of Baseball operations for Major League Baseball, Dr. Michael Hirshfield, the Vice President at the Research Protection Programs of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. David Waller, the Director of

Wildlife Resources Division of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, who told me to say something good about wildlife today.

I often feel that we're in the presence of it here in Washington. (Laughter.) And I appreciate his efforts to preserve it. And the lady to my left is Sue Maturkanich, who is a teacher from Grand Rapids, Michigan. I wanted to thank her for being here and for her interest in the intersection of education and the environment for our children.

These conservation and community leaders have come here from all over America to work for the protection of our open spaces and our most precious lands; to ask Congress to provide permanent funding for them with federal funds dedicated to supporting state and local communities.

Under the leadership of Chairman Don Young and Congressman George Miller, the House recently cast an overwhelming bipartisan vote to provide permanent funding for America's open spaces from the resources the Federal Government gets from federal offshore oil leases. There is significant support in the Senate for this legislation. And we are here today to ask the Senate leadership to work with Senators Frank Murkowski and Jeff Bingaman, again on a bipartisan basis, to pass the Conservation and Reinvestment Act known as CARA.

When I was growing up in Arkansas I had such easy access to parks and woods and mountains and rivers and lakes, that I suppose I took them for granted a little bit. But we know that we can no longer take our access to our natural resources and our wildlife for granted. In too many communities, our green spaces and our open spaces continue to disappear.

For too many of our young people and their families it's becoming harder and harder to protect what we have left, the meadows and seashores, the lands farmers harvest, the streams where families fish. With more and more people visiting our national parks and forests, we also have to do more to protect and preserve these treasures. That's why Gaylord Perry is here today. He believes that all our children should have a place to play Little League ball. That's why Sue Maturkanich is here today all the way from Michigan to remind the Congress how essential it is for children to have a good place to play.

For seven and a half years now, Vice President Gore and I have fought for these causes: to protect our natural resources, to provide communities with resources they need to preserve green and open spaces. Working with Congress, again on a bipartisan basis, we protected Yellowstone from the threat of mining, preserved the Baca Ranch in New Mexico, saved age-old California Redwoods, set aside huge stretches of the Mojave Desert for the national park system, and launched the most ambitious environmental restoration effort ever in the magnificent Florida

Everglades. But we also provided significant new resources to help states and communities preserve farms, urban parks, and other precious open spaces.

The Mayor of Boise is here, as I said earlier. We worked with him to give him the funds to develop a 55-acre recreation complex so that children and parents have a place to enjoy the wonders of nature close to home.

Here in Washington, D.C., we helped the city rebuild Girard Street Park, the only open space in an entire urban neighborhood, a park that will give children a place to play in safety and the community a place to call their own.

We believe every community should have such places so that neighborhood parks and baseball fields are as common as cell phones and video games. That's why CARA is so important and why Congress must pass it now before it adjourns.

I want to make it clear: ~~The virtue of CARA is one of the things which makes it controversial in the ordinary course of congressional operations.~~ It would set aside money that we have coming in every year, automatically, for these communities for these purposes, so that they would always know that there was a stream of money there to protect the future for our children.

I also hope Congress, before it leaves, will provide adequate resources for us to continue to protect our air and water and ensure permanent funding for land conservation. And I hope they will send me budget bills free of anti-environmental riders. Once again, too many of these bills are being watered down with riders aimed at weakening public health protections, blocking common-sense efforts to combat climate change, and surrendering public lands to private interests.

In the last 24 hours, Congress has added some more of these riders. I vetoed bills before because they contained them, and if I have to, I'll do it again. But I ask Congress to drop them so we can get on with the people's business, and they can go back home and talk to the voters.

A century ago, President Theodore Roosevelt set our nation on the path of conservation. He reminded us, and I quote: "Our responsibilities to the coming millions is like that of parents to children. In wasting our resources, we are wronging our descendants."

Since then, we've answered President Roosevelt's call to conservation. And time after time, over the entire length of the 20th century, we put the restoration and protection of the environment ahead of partisan conflict.

In the weeks ahead, we should continue to do this. We have a unique and profoundly important effort to give people at the

grass-roots level in America a permanent source of funding to protect our natural resources.

A chance like this comes along once in a great while. That's why there were over 300 votes for this bill in the House. And there ought to be 100 votes for it in the Senate, and I hope we can get it done and these folks, by coming here today, have made it more likely.

Thank you very much. (Applause.)

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10:11 A.M. EDT

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SCHEDULING PROPOSAL

TODAY'S DATE: 9/15/00

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TO:

Stephanie Streett, Director of Scheduling

GC:

Roger Ballentine, Deputy Assistant to the President for Environmental Initiatives

FROM:

George T. Frampton, Jr., Chair, CEQ

REQUEST:

For the President to announce a land conservation purchase to further protect Big Sur on California's coast. This would provide a spectacular backdrop for an event and highlight the Administration's Lands Legacy Initiative efforts through its FY 2001 budget. The President would also call on Congress to eliminate the anti-environmental riders in pending appropriation bills to fully fund his Lands Legacy Initiative.

PURPOSE:

To urge passage of permanent, multi year conservation funding as requested in the President's Lands Legacy initiative and to demonstrate the Administration's continued accomplishments in protecting natural resources and valuable lands.

BACKGROUND:

The Big Sur area's 90 miles of rugged coastline and sheer cliffs meeting the Pacific Ocean are appreciated around the world. Wide expanses of grassy meadows and dense redwood forests, characterize the world-renowned Big Sur coastline. Approximately 50 percent of the Big Sur region lies within the Los Padres National Forest. For many years the U.S. Forest Service, working with non-profit partners like the Trust for Public Land, has been working to protect key resource properties at the southern gateway to Big Sur, using funds like those sought in the Lands Legacy initiative.

According to the U.S. Forest Service, one of several outstanding properties available for purchase at the

southern gateway to Big Sur would be ready for closing about the time of the President's California trip on September 23, and the President could announce that title has transferred to the people of the United States. The 200-acre San Carpoforo Creek parcel with an estimated value of \$835,000, is significant for its scenic values and habitat for threatened and endangered species. The land backs up to the Hearst Castle and extends to the Pacific Ocean -- with Marine Sanctuaries off the coast. The acreage is located on both sides of Coastal Route 1 allowing for public access to the Pacific, an unusual feature along the length of the Big Sur coastline.

or 767?

The President's FY 2001 budget requests funding to acquire additional lands for the Big Sur Ecosystem as part of Lands' Legacy. The President's request for Big Sur for 2001 year is \$5 million, which the House has cut to \$3 million and the Senate has not funded.

An event at this picturesque site would highlight the value of permanent conservation funding to protect lands like these, would enhance the success of the Big Sur program, and serve as a great backdrop for the President to call on Congress to eliminate the anti-environmental riders that relinquish additional protection our nation's natural treasures.

DATE:	September/ Early October
DURATION:	TBD
LOCATION:	TBD; the President could fly into San Luis Obispo airport or Hunter Liggett Military Reserve and take a short helo ride along the coast to a site near Hearst Castle in San Simeon, CA (200 miles south of San Francisco and 300 miles north of Los Angeles). He could also do an event at a more accessible point along the Big Sur coast that would provide visuals similar to those at the newly acquired site.
PARTICIPANTS:	TBD; Governor Davis, Senator Feinstein, Representatives Lois Capps and Sam Farr, local officials, Secretary Glickman and representatives of the U.S. Forest Service.
OUTLINE OF EVENTS:	TBD

REMARKS REQUIRED: Yes

MEDIA COVERAGE: Open press

FIRST LADY'S ATTENDANCE: No

VP ATTENDANCE: No

CONTACT: George T. Frampton, Jr., 6-5147
Nathan Hurst, 5-7419



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

To: Jeff Shesol

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FR: Nancy Marlow

5/31/3

THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND

FISCAL YEAR 2000

FACT SHEET

AGENCY/UNIT: U.S. Forest Service
Big Sur/Los Padres National Forest

PROJECT NAME: San Carpoforo Creek (Williams), CA

PROPERTY: A 767-acre property located along scenic Coastal Route 1, with spectacular ocean views and natural resource lands located at the southern gateway to the Big Sur

PRICE TO
 AGENCY: \$4.0 million

PRESIDENT'S
 BUDGET REQUEST: \$5.0 million

SIGNIFICANCE: Wide expanses of grassy meadows, dense redwood forests, and rugged cliffs characterize the world-renowned Big Sur coastline, termed by poet Robinson Jeffers "the most dramatic meeting place of land and sea." The Los Padres National Forest, along with numerous state parks and county-protected lands, offers coordinated protection of, and public access to, much of this nationally significant resource area. The U.S. Forest Service has maintained an extensive ongoing land acquisition program on an as-available basis, complemented by continuing state, county, and private conservation efforts, to protect key private resource properties in the Los Padres for the millions of visitors who are drawn to this scenic area each year. In recent years, appropriated funds allowed the Los Padres to continue this program and complete preservation of the 1,714-acre Sur Sur Ranch, the 273-acre Cozy Cove property, and the 211-acre Sea Vista Ranch, all long-standing priorities at the southern gateway to Big Sur that contributed significantly to the consolidation and protection of some of the most outstanding recreational lands in the country.

As part of the Forest Service's ongoing consolidation program at Big Sur, the property immediately adjacent to the southern flanks of Sur Sur Ranch is available for acquisition in FY 2000. The 767-acre San Carpoforo Creek property would be a spectacular addition to the Big Sur, with stunning ocean views, soaring bluffs, property on both sides of Coastal Route 1 including a sandy beach, and frontage along San Carpoforo Creek. The property's location and incredible natural and scenic resources make it a priority for viewshed protection, as well as a target for incompatible private development. Acquisition of this valuable property will

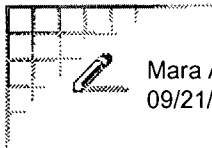
significantly assist in consolidating public recreation lands along the popular southern Big Sur coast.

An appropriation of \$4.0 million from the Land and Water Conservation Fund in FY 2000 for the Los Padres NF would ensure the protection of the significant natural and scenic resources on the San Carpoforo Creek property and the consolidation of Forest Service ownership in a heavily-visited portion of the California coast.

Wide expanses of grassy meadows, dense redwood forests, and rugged cliffs characterize the world-renowned Big Sur coastline, termed by poet Robinson Jeffers "the most dramatic meeting place of land and sea." For many years the U.S. Forest Service, working with non-profit partners like the Trust for Public Land, has been working to protect key resource properties at the southern gateway to Big Sur in order to enhance the experience of the millions of visitors who are drawn to this incredibly scenic area each year. In the past several years, the Forest Service has completed protection of almost 2500 acres of properties that contribute significantly to the consolidation and protection of some of the most outstanding recreational lands in the country, while complementing ongoing state, county and private conservation efforts.

While not a culmination of this program, the acquisition of the 767-acre Williams property is an enormously significant accomplishment in the stewardship of Big Sur. Located adjacent to previously protected federal lands, the Williams property includes stunning ocean views, soaring bluffs, frontage along San Carpoforo Creek and -- most significantly -- acreage on both sides of Coastal Route 1 that will allow for public access to the Pacific, an unusual feature along the length of the Big Sur coastline.

The property's location and incredible natural and scenic resources make it a priority for protection within the ongoing Big Sur program, and will enhance the success of that program enormously.



Mara A. Silver
09/21/2000 10:27:30 AM

Record Type: Record

To: Jeffrey A. Shesol/WHO/EOP@EOP

cc:

Subject: on Sunday LCV event, from 9/20 Loretta meeting

This is basically a fundraiser, with print reporters only, happening 3:30 pm our time, but with one possible deliverable, so that Loretta and Maria want it to be talking points rather than cards. The deliverable, which will be leaked for that day's Cal. papers, is that the U.S. Forest Service is buying a chunk of land next to Big Sur, which among other things will improve public access to the water. Very big news for California. We can use that deliverable as a jumping off point to talk about a--our enviro accomplishments b--reprise Josh's speech from this week c--talk about California accomplishments (desert, tahoe, off-shore oil) d--VP's leadership within the adminon enviro stuff. The even is at singer Carol King's house. POTUS will be getting an award from the CA League of Con. Voters. He'll be introduced by CLCV Pres. Ruth Hunter. CEQ is involved, as is Elliot. I put some literature on Jeff's chair.

from cars to waste to warming
all our basic accompro.

- 1) our accompro.
- 2) end w/ lands legacy
- 3) Big Sur is a land acquisition
(CARA wd be permanent fund.)
 - wdnt it be great if we didnt have to pay for it every year?
 - in 60th, I proposed Cong. permanently fund...
bi part support - passed
Sen / archd in Hse

this Nov... do we want a ^{proven} leader...

* see Sam CBC sp. ↑

Joshua S. Gottheimer
09/21/2000 12:21:34 PM

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To: Jeffrey A. Shesol/WHO/EOP@EOP
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Subject: big sur

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Stephanie A. Cutter
09/21/2000 12:07:27 PM

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To: See the distribution list at the bottom of this message
cc: Sonya N. Hebert/WHO/EOP@EOP, Elliot J. Diringer/WHO/EOP@EOP
Subject: big sur

We are a go for announcing the **Big Sur** land acquisition on Saturday.

Linda, Elliot mentioned that he asked you too look into whether we had other land acquisitions to announce. Have you come across any? If we could pile on a couple to this announcement, it will look less political.

Press Office -- yesterday, we talked about leaking this for sunday papers. john agreed with that. what papers will you go to?

CEQ --we will need press paper to put out this weekend. it should incorporate big sur, plus accomplishments on this issue. will that come from the agencies to you?

Heads up calls -- what calls need to be made? if this is being announced on sunday morning, before the President's speech, calls shouldn't be made until Sat. night or Sun. morning.

Speechwriting -- Big Sur should be included in the remarks.

Let me know if there are any questions. Thanks.

Message Sent To: _____

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