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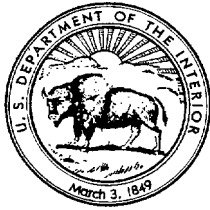


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Chairman, Board of Supervisors  
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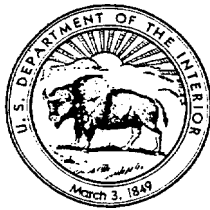
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# THE WHITE HOUSE

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# CONGRESSMAN SAM FARR

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◆ 17th Congressional District of California ◆



## News Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
January 11, 2000

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### CLINTON CREATES NEW WILDERNESS AREAS IN CALIFORNIA Praises Farr for His Dedication to the Land

(Washington, DC) — President Clinton made it official today: he designated an additional 8000 acres as part of the Pinnacles National Monument and created a new national monument by designating as wilderness all the federally-owned rocks, islands and outcroppings along the coast of California. He did it at the behest of Rep. Sam Farr (D-Carmel) and his Secretary of the Interior, Bruce Babbitt.

The signing ceremony, held on the lip of the Grand Canyon, included Farr and Rep. Ed Pastor (D-Phoenix). During his remarks the President praised the hard work of Farr for pushing for this wilderness designation, first in legislation, then through executive fiat. The president declared three new national monuments, including one near the Grand Canyon, and expansion of a fourth. Clinton said it was fitting that he made those declarations today, because on Jan. 11, 1908, Roosevelt made the Grand Canyon a national monument, protecting it from mining or other activities that he felt would mar it. "None of you who can see what is behind me can doubt the wisdom of that decision," Clinton said.

"America the beautiful just got more so," said Farr. "By adding this land to the Pinnacles National Monument and creating a national monument out of the California coastal rocks and islands, we take a step today in preserving our natural and national heritage for generations to come." Farr spent the morning with the President touring the new Grand Canyon-area park land by helicopter and participated in the signing ceremony. "There can be nothing more inspiring to save our natural beauty than to watch the sun rise over America's greatest natural landmark," said Farr. "I am proud that I have been able to contribute to the country's wilderness and that Californians will always have these pristine places to walk among and contemplate."

Earlier in the year Farr attempted to achieve the same wilderness designation for these areas by introducing legislation (HR 2277 - Rocks & Islands bill; HR 2279 - Pinnacles bill). However, though there was no substantive opposition to the legislation, the resistance of the Republican Leadership made moving the bills difficult. Farr sought a different avenue to achieving the same ends by taking the matter to Bruce Babbitt, the Secretary of the Interior. Farr brought Babbitt to his congressional district on September 1 and personally showed him the areas he hoped to see protected. Babbitt took the case to the President and announced on December 13 that, in fact, he was taking Farr's recommendation to the President and asking him to use his executive orders to designate the coastal properties as a national monument, as well as expanding the Pinnacles National Monument. Today, Clinton fulfilled Farr's request and using powers vested in him under the Antiquities Act, forever protected the land Farr first sought to shield.

"The Central Coast is truly the greatest meeting place of earth and sky and ocean any where on the face of the earth. Our action today only means that it will remain so, forevermore," said Farr.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND BACKGROUND SEE ATTACHED RELEASES FROM THE WHITE HOUSE. ALSO ATTACHED IS FARR'S ORIGINAL STATEMENT OF DECEMBER 13 UPON BABBITT'S ANNOUNCEMENT THAT HE WAS TAKING THE MATTER TO THE PRESIDENT.

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**CONGRESSMAN SAM FARR**

◆ 17th Congressional District of California ◆

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# News Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
December, 13, 1999  
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## STATEMENT BY U.S. CONGRESSMAN SAM FARR

### **ON PRESIDENT CLINTON'S MOVE TO PROTECT TWO CALIFORNIA NATIONAL MONUMENTS**

I am overjoyed to learn that President Clinton may designate **several** areas **surrounding** the Pinnacles National Monument and the rocks and islands off the coast of California under the US. Bureau of Land Management as protected **wilderness**.

Early this year, I introduced legislation to **expand and protect the lands surrounding the Pinnacles**. I authored separate legislation to conserve California's **offshore** rocks and islands. While neither bill faced opposition, House leadership **did** not allow the bill to come up for a hearing or vote.

Fortunately, the effort to **protect these resources** does not have to end with the Congressional leadership's inaction. Earlier this month, I **wrote** letters to both President Clinton and Interior Secretary Babbitt **urging** them to protect these important federal **lands through their executive authority**. I am extremely pleased that **the** President has taken **my** request seriously and **is** considering making **these** wilderness designations by executive order. I am confident that the president will make the right decision as he has **always** kept the protection of California's environment at the **forefront** of **his administration's** priorities. These wilderness designations would be a truly **wonderful holiday** gift to **all** Californians.

**The designation of wilderness** is the highest possible protection **offered** to federal **lands**. By **providing the** wilderness designation to much of the land **surrounding** the Pinnacles National Monument in San Benito County, **it will** be free from the **threat** of urban **sprawl** **inching** toward **the** monument. The rocks and islands off of California's coast which are home to a diverse ecosystem of birds and sea **mammals**, would enjoy **similar** protection **from** commercial and industrial **use**, including **offshore** oil drilling. With these two initiatives, we are taking substantial steps towards protecting **the** environment **for our future** generations.

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HR 2277 IH

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**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**June 18, 1999**

Mr. FARR of California (for himself, Mr. GALLEGLY, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. STARK, Mrs. CAPPS, Mr. BILBRAY, and Ms. ESHOO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF CALIFORNIA COASTAL ROCKS AND ISLANDS WILDERNESS AREA TO BE ADMINISTERED BY BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT.**

(a) FINDINGS- The Congress finds the following:

(1) The California coastal rocks and islands are a critical component of a unique ecosystem of California

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(2) The California coastal rocks and islands comprise a narrow flight lane in the Pacific Flyway, providing protected nest sites as well as feeding and perching areas for millions of seabirds

(3) This unique ecosystem is also important for the continued survival of endangered or threatened sea mammals, such as stellar sea lions and elephant seals.

(4) Designation of the California coastal rocks and islands as wilderness would add a significant natural component to the National Wilderness Preservation System.

(b) DESIGNATION AS WILDERNESS- In furtherance of the purposes of the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.), all unreserved and unappropriated ocean islands in the State of California (as more fully described in subsection (c)) that, as of the date of the enactment of this Act, are under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management are hereby designated as wilderness and, therefore, as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System, and shall be known as the California Coastal Rocks and Islands Wilderness.

(c) DESCRIPTION OF COVERED ISLANDS- The ocean islands covered by subsection (b) are those islands, reefs, rocks, and islets lying within three miles off the Pacific coast of the State of California from Oregon to the Mexican border and above the mean high tides, except those already reserved and appropriated for other uses as listed in the exhibit titled 'Lands Not Affected By Wilderness Designation' dated February 26, 1997, and on file and available for public review in the California office of the Bureau of Land Management.

(d) MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY- The California Coastal Rocks and Islands Wilderness shall remain under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management, and the islands, reefs, rocks, and islets designated as wilderness under subsection (b) are managed, as of the date of the enactment of this Act, under a memorandum of understanding by the California Department of Fish and Game.

(e) MANAGEMENT- Subject to valid existing rights, the California Coastal Rocks and Islands Wilderness shall be administered by the Secretary of the Interior in accordance with the Wilderness Act, except that, with respect to such wilderness area, any reference in the Wilderness Act to the effective date of the Wilderness Act shall be deemed to be a reference to the date of the enactment of this Act and any reference to the Secretary of Agriculture shall be deemed to be a reference to the Secretary of the Interior.

(f) EFFECT ON OTHER LAWS- This section shall take precedence over and supersede the temporary reservation made by the Act of February 18, 1931 (Chapter 226; 46 Stat. 1172).

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