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Rim of the Valley Corridor Special Resource Study
570 W. Avenue 26, #175
Los Angeles, CA 90065

January 7, 2013

Re: Rim of the Valley Corridor Special Resource Study

Dear Ms. Dove:

The Federation of Hillside and Canyon Associations, Inc. is a group of 40 resident and homeowner associations representing approximately 200,000 residents within the city of Los Angeles spanning the Santa Monica Mountains from Pacific Palisades to Griffith Park. 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. The Federation therefore writes to request that the Rim of the Valley Corridor Special Resource Study be expanded to consider an alternative that fully combines the geographic areas covered by Alternative C, "Connecting Urban Communities", and Alternative D, "Connecting Natural Habitats."

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.

Alternative C would expand the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area (SMMNRA) to provide greater recreational opportunities and ecological connection in close proximity to urban populations, who are and have long been underserved by state and local parks.

Alternative D would expand the boundaries of the SMMNRA to link wildlife habitats and critical open space encompassing both the Los Padres National Forest and the Angeles National Forest to promote interconnectivity and the long-term resiliency of natural resources. The Cooperative Conservation Partnership Area of the proposed project is vital to encourage animal migration between the two mountain areas and increase biodiversity.

We applaud the work that has already been done on the study and look forward to participating throughout the process. Please add the Hillside Federation's comments to your file and include our organization in future notifications.

Sincerely,

Marian Dodge
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Bel Air Skycrest Property Owners
Bel Air Ridge Association
Benedict Canyon Association
Brentwood Hills Homeowners
Brentwood Residents Coalition
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