**Castaic Proposed Wilderness**

**Facts about Castaic**

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<th>Total acreage: 69,812 acres</th>
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<td>Location: L.A. County, north of Santa Clarita Valley and approx. 20 miles north of City of L.A.</td>
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<td>Provides habitat for nine endangered species: arroyo toad, bald eagle, California condor, least Bell’s vireo, Nevin’s barberry, San Fernando Valley spineflower, tricolored blackbird, unarmored threespine stickle-back, and willow Flycatcher</td>
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<td>Recreational opportunities include: hiking, birding, horseback riding, rock scrambling, photography</td>
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The proposed Castaic wilderness is the largest remaining block of undisturbed, unprotected habitat remaining in the Angeles National Forest. A Wilderness designation is the strongest and most durable protection that can be afforded to our public lands.

The proposed area offers:

- Natural springs, year-round wetlands, vernal pools
- Native American sacred lands and sites, burial grounds, petroglyphs, grinding mortars
- Castaic Creek watershed, providing water to Castaic Reservoir
- One of the largest black oak groves in southern California
- Important biological crossroads and wildlife linkages
- Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail

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