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Urgent, Park Service Rim of the Valley Land Grab Meeting Thu. May 21.

**Please forward this message immediately to at least 10 others.**

**Make sure any friends, relatives or business associates in the LA area get a copy of this e-mail.**

167,000 landowners and cabin permittees in danger in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties.

For a map, go to www.landrights.org. Go to top of Home Page

Where it says Rim of the Valley. Click in various places for maps. updates and other information.

You may think this proposal is just a trail. It is not. Tens of thousands of landowners and cabinowners will lose the use of their property.

**Reminder - Public Meeting this Thursday Night, May 21**

**Thursday, May 21, 2015: 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.**

**Also Tuesday afternoon, June 2, 2015 – 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.**

You may have been able to participate in one of the Park Service’s

public meetings earlier this month for the National Park Service's (NPS) Rim of the Valley Draft Special Resource Study and Environmental Assessment.

This land use and regulation plan covers a huge area in LA and Ventura Counties.

**If missed those meetings, there are two additional meetings scheduled:** American Land Rights believes these meetings were scheduled around the Memorial Day holiday period to deliberately distract you.

**Chatsworth**

**Thursday, May 21, 2015: 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.**

Mason Recreation Center

10500 Mason Avenue

Chatsworth, CA 91311

**Downtown Los Angeles\***

**Tuesday, June 2, 2015: 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.**

El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument

Hellman/Quon Building

130 Paseo de la Plaza

Los Angeles, CA 90012

\* This meeting location is convenient to public transit and is near Los Angeles Union Station. Paid parking is also available. Please visit the website for El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument for more information: http://elpueblo.lacity.org/

\* Habrá un traductor disponible para ésta reunión pública.

Information about the study, including the executive summary newsletter, full draft report, maps, and link to the NPS online public comment system are available on the study website: <http://www.nps.gov/pwro/rimofthevalley>

The Park Service says they would like to hear from you! For your own sake you better make sure they do.

You need to make sure you get on the Park Service e-mail list.

There will be several opportunities for providing comments in addition to Park Service remaining public meetings.

Written comments can be submitted via the NPS online public comment system, email, or by sending your comments to our physical mailing address (please see below for contact information).

Comments on the draft study report must be submitted by June 30, 2015. Your continued involvement will assist the National Park Service in finalizing this report, and in determining the final study recommendations.

The final outcome of the study will be the transmittal of the final report from the Secretary of the Interior to Congress, along with the Secretary's recommendations for the area.

Mail: National Park Service

 Rim of the Valley Corridor Special Resource Study

 570 W. Avenue 26, #175

 Los Angeles, CA 90065

Website: [www.nps.gov/pwro/rimofthevalley](http://www.nps.gov/pwro/rimofthevalley)

E-mail: pwr\_rimofthevalley@nps.gov

To get on the Park Service e-mail list send a message to this address website or e-mail address.

Phone: Anne Dove, Project Manager (323) 441-9307

 Margie Steigerwald, Planner (805) 370-2373

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**Background On Park Service Rim of the Valley Land Grab**

**Tens of thousands of landowners and cabinowners threatened.**

**Huge negative economic impacts.**

**If you like regulations you’ll love the new Rim of the Valley National Park.**

**Thousands of jobs are threatened.**

**Immediate Action by You Is Required**

**Action Items:**

-----1. Please forward this message to at least 10 other people. Your whole list if possible.

-----2. Plan to attend one or more the Rim of the Valley meetings.

You need to plan to attend one or more of the meetings planned by the Park Service on the Rim of the Valley.

-----3. Get on the Park Service Rim of the Valley e-mail list. See below for instructions. Get on the Park Service Rim of the Valley e-mail list by visiting: [www.nps.gov/pwro/rimofthevalley](http://www.nps.gov/pwro/rimofthevalley)

You need to get on the Park Service mailing list for the Rim of the Valley. Also the NPS mailing list for the companion study, the San Gabriel River Watershed. These two plans are likely to be combined into one huge new National Park.

President Obama just designated a portion of the San Gabriel Mountains as a new National Monument. For the time being it will be managed by the Forest Service.

-----4. Get your copy of the Rim of the Valley newsletter and plan.

As a reminder, the Rim of the Valley executive summary newsletter, full draft report, and link to the NPS online public comment system are available on the study website: <http://www.nps.gov/pwro/rimofthevalley>

**If you don’t have one, you need to request a hard copy of the full study report.**  Copies of the executive summary newsletter have been mailed to you of you got on the Park Service mailing list. **It is very important to request a hard copy.**

-----5. Get on the San Gabriel River Watershed e-mail list. Go to

-----San Gabriel River Study: [www.nps.gov/pwro/sangabriel](http://www.nps.gov/pwro/sangabriel)

**Your Comments Are Critical.**

There are two more opportunities for providing comments, including public meetings in May and June 2015 (please see above for schedule). Written comments can be submitted via the NPS online public comment system, email, or by sending your comments to our physical mailing address (please see below for contact information).

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The NPS will host two more public meetings in the study area to present the draft study report, answer questions, and accept comments.

A virtual meeting was conducted via the Internet on April 21st. You need to request that several more virtual meetings be scheduled. Please visit the NPS website for more information.

Get on the Park Service Rim of the Valley e-mail list by visiting:

[www.nps.gov/pwro/rimofthevalley](http://www.nps.gov/pwro/rimofthevalley)

To also get on the Park Service San Gabriel River Watershed e-mail list go to

-----San Gabriel River Study: [www.nps.gov/pwro/sangabriel](http://www.nps.gov/pwro/sangabriel)

Rim of the Valley Public meeting locations and times include:

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American Land Rights believes the San Gabriel Mountains Watershed will be combined with the Rim of the Valley proposal to create a massive new National Park threatening tens of thousands of landowners and cabin permittees.

-----1. San Gabriel Mountains Watershed Study. Completed. You can download maps and order a copy of the study and report by going on the following website:

-----San Gabriel River Study: [www.nps.gov/pwro/sangabriel](http://www.nps.gov/pwro/sangabriel)

-----Get on the e-mail list for the new San Gabriel Mountains NRA (National Park). Here is their e-mail: pwr\_sangabriel@nps.gov

Proposed Park Service San Gabriel Mts Nat. Park (Part of Rim of the Valley National Park.) Giant new park to be proposed.

Go to the San Gabriel Watershed and Mountains Study to see the size of this new park proposal that will be added eventually to the huge Rim of the Valley National Park **ultimately locking up hundreds of thousands of acres around Los Angeles and area communities.**

**There are 172,000 landowners who own property within the boundary of the proposed Rim of the Valley National Park.** We do not have the current information for the San Gabriel River Watershed Study area but it is likely to include thousands of landowners and cabinowners. This list does not include Forest Service cabin permittees.

Go to [www.nps.gov/pwro/sangabriel](http://www.nps.gov/pwro/sangabriel)

to see the Park Service announcement. You can also see a map.

Urgent Action needed to stop this huge new threat to landowners and cabinowners. **The Forest Service must maintain control over the Angeles and San Bernardino National Forests.**

Don’t believe them when they say this is not a proposal for a National Park. In my first meeting with the Assistant Secretary of Fish, Wildlife and Parks in 1978 he told me that: “If Congress puts a circle around a land area, we’re going to own it all.” And he meant it. (Said by David Hales in 1978.)

Study Area –Rim of the Valley and the San Gabriel River Watershed Park Plan.

Website: [www.nps.gov/pwro/rimofthevalley](http://www.nps.gov/pwro/rimofthevalley)

You can see a more complete map by going to www.landrights.org and click on Rim of the Valley on the Homepage.

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**Critical:** There are two processes going on. One is the Rim of the Valley National Park or NRA and the other the San Gabriel River Watershed or San Gabriel Mts NRA. They will likely eventually be combined into a giant National Park or National Monument. President Obama has designated a new National Monument for the first phase of this plan in the San Gabriel Mountains.

-----Rim of the Valley will place a Park Service noose around the necks of 172,000 threatened landowners. 158,000 in LA County and 14,000 in Ventura County. Thousands more people in the San Gabriel River watershed will also be affected. None of these numbers includes thousands of cabin permittees.

The regulatory cost is staggering. Landowners and cabinowners have no idea what is coming at them.

Rim of the Valley (Exclusive of the San Gabriel River Watershed):

The Rim of the Valley National Park would surround the:

parts of the Santa Monica Mountains;

the Santa Susanna Mountains;

the San Gabriel Mountains;

the Verdugo Mountains;

the San Rafael Hills;

Nearly the entire Angeles National Forest, part of the San Bernardino NF and adjacent connector areas to the Los Padres National Forests will be made part of the Rim of the Valley National Park and change control to the National Park Service. This means the loss of access and closed roads in the Angeles National Forest and the San Bernardino National Forest. It will mean huge loss of recreation. Massive areas will be designated as official Wilderness. No mechanical vehicles allowed. That means

The Rim of the Valley consists of parts of the Santa Monica Mountains, the Santa Susanna Mountains, the San Gabriel Mountains, the Verdugo Mountains, the San Rafael Hills, and adjacent connector areas to the Los Padres and San Bernardino National Forests according to Congressmen Adam Schiff.

The study area will encompass 491,518 acres not including all of San Gabriel River Watershed. That is nearly three and a half times the size of the existing Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area that is 153,750 acres and over two thirds the size of Yosemite. All that in an urban area. Thousands of homes, businesses and land parcels will be lost or strangled.

You can see a high quality map prepared by the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy by going to www.landrights.org Just click on the Rim of the Valley link on the website homepage.

This map was originally produced by the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy. They have deliberately tried to hide the full impact of the Rim of the Valley by how they have shaded the areas in the map.

They call it a corridor but it actually surrounds and includes huge areas of private land and areas of Forest Service cabins. The Park Service does not like private land within their boundaries. They will try to buy it all or regulate it all over time. They will get rid of the cabins over time.

\*\*Be sure to call your local newspapers to get them to print a map of the giant new Rim of the Valley National Park Service area as well as the San Gabriel Mountains NRA.

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Short LA background of Charles (Chuck) Cushman

Appointed to the National Park System Advisory Board by President Reagan in 1981.

Chairman of LA Mayor Bradley's Education Committee in 70's (nonpartisan position).

Father was a Boy Scout Executive in both the San Fernando Valley Council and the Verdugo Hills Council in the 40's and 50's. These assignments cover a lot of the area in the San Gabriel Mountains. It offered a chance to cover most of the back roads of the Angeles and San Bernardino National Forests.

Camped and traveled in the Rim of the Valley and San Gabriel River Watershed area extensively.

Graduated from North Hollywood High School in 1961.

Attended California State University at Northridge 1961 to 1966.

Father left the Boy Scouts and taught at North Hollywood High in the 50's and 60's. He taught at other schools in the 70’s.

Father was a summer ranger in Yosemite National Park in the 50’s and 60’s.

Chuck Cushman was in the YMCA in North Hollywood as well as the Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Explorer Scouts.

Was in the Deputy Auxiliary Police in Los Angeles.

Was in the insurance business in Sherman Oaks and then Beverly Hills from 1963 to 1977. Is a life member of the Million Dollar Round Table with 13 qualifications.

I believe I know the proposed Rim of the Valley and San Gabriel River Watershed study areas well.

You can obtain more information about American Land Rights and Chuck Cushman on the Web by using the following search terms on Google:

Chuck Cushman

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National Inholders Association

League of Private Property Voters

You can also go to www.landrights.org

Thank you,

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