



PRAISE FOR THE NORTHWEST CALIFORNIA WILDERNESS, RECREATION, AND WORKING FORESTS ACT

Jennifer Johnson, Owner, Adventures Edge: “As the current owner of an outdoor recreation business that has been a part of Humboldt’s recreation economy for over 50 years, and employs 18 people, I am thrilled this bill is closer to becoming law. The Northwest California Wilderness, Recreation and Working Forests Act builds on the strong recreation economy of our region that has benefited local citizens and drawn visitors from around the nation. I look forward to exploring these important places with my family and sharing them with our visitors.”

Will Harling, Director, Mid Klamath Watershed Council: "This bill is a well thought out and balanced approach to protecting key watersheds while still protecting our rural communities from the ever-increasing risk of wildfire."

David Steinhauser, Owner, Trinity River Rafting: “As the owner of Trinity River Rafting, a local business that depends on the health of our rivers and lands, I strongly support Representative Huffman’s Northwest California Wilderness, Recreation, and Working Forests Act. Like our many customers who enjoy rafting and hiking along the rivers proposed for protection, my wife and I love to hike and run along the Canyon Creek trail, and its spectacular waterfalls and cascades. This legislation will ensure that these magnificent places are around for future generations to enjoy.”

Gregg Foster, Executive Director of Redwood Regional Economic Development Commission: “Local economies in Northwest California benefit when people come to visit our spectacular, world-renowned public lands and rivers. I greatly appreciate and am excited to again celebrate House passage of this legislation that will protect and restore some of the region’s most cherished landscapes.”

Angel Brewer, Realtor, Weaverville: “As a retail grocery store owner for over 17 years and now as a Realtor, I recognize the multiple benefits of this proposal. I

have experienced first-hand the year-round economic activity that already exists because of our current protected public lands. Folks from all over the world come to hike the Alps, swim in the lakes, raft and fish the river and return during the winter holidays as well. This bill will expand these benefits for our local communities and enhance the positive impact of the millions of visitors who come to experience outdoor recreation in Northwest California.”

Trevor Fagerskog, Chair, California Council of Trout Unlimited: “California’s salmon and steelhead have sustained cultures and local economies for generations. But many populations of these iconic fish are now listed or at-risk. We need to do more to conserve our best coldwater habitats and fisheries. Representative Huffman, being an angler himself, knows this better than most. Trout Unlimited applauds his leadership over many years in building this timely legislation, which is vital for better protecting and restoring some of the most famous steelhead streams in the world, including the Trinity and Eel Rivers.”