

Power In Nature Coalition Applauds Call from Congressional Leaders to Designate Proposed Sáttítla National Monument

SACRAMENTO, CA — The Power In Nature Coalition today applauded a <u>letter from Senator Alex Padilla, Senator Laphonza Butler, and Representative Adam Schiff</u> urging President Biden to use the Antiquities Act to designate Sáttítla National Monument in Northern California. This call to action from congressional leaders echoes a <u>request from the Pit River Nation</u> to protect the landscape with a national monument designation.

Nestled 30 miles from Mount Shasta within the Shasta-Trinity, Klamath, and Modoc national forests of northeastern California, Sáttítla is a culturally significant, geologically unique, and life-sustaining region with more than 200,000 acres of lands in need of greater protections.

In response to this news, the Power In Nature coalition released the following statement from Dr. Jun Bando, executive director of the California Native Plant Society. The California Native Plant Society is also a member of the Power In Nature coalition, which is working to protect 30% of California's land and coastal waters by 2030. In 2020, Governor Newsom committed California to the 30×30 goal and in 2023, that goal became state law. California is making strong progress towards 30×30 but 6 million acres still must be conserved in less than 6 years.

"With its quiet, forested woods and volcanic hills, Sáttítla is a landscape of exceptional biodiversity, a vital water source of the state's largest spring system, and the site of irreplaceable Tribal cultural resources. The California Native Plant Society thanks Senator Padilla, Senator Butler, and Congressman Schiff for calling on President Biden to designate Sáttítla National Monument. National monument designation would honor the Pit River Tribe's leadership and generational efforts to protect their homelands, which nourish California communities and habitats near and far."

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About the Power In Nature Coalition

Power In Nature is a statewide coalition of community groups, environmental and conservation organizations, land trusts, Indigenous organizations, and Tribal members dedicated to advancing California's 30x30 commitment. The Power In Nature coalition has identified nearly 100 potential 30x30 projects across the state and works on a broad range of issues including biodiversity protection, climate resilience, equity, recreation, outdoor access, and social justice. For more information visit PowerInNature.org.