

Preserve California's Natural and Historic Heritage



*Support the
establishment of*



The Grizzly Bear National Monument

to help protect what is left of California's
fragile chaparral ecosystem

Although it once characterized the wilds of California, the California grizzly bear is now extinct. The last grizzly in Southern California was tracked and killed in Trabuco Canyon less than 20 miles northeast of San Juan Capistrano in early 1908. For every child who learns that Southern California was as once as wild as Yellowstone, Yosemite, and Alaska, we propose establishing the Grizzly Bear National Monument as part of the National Park System in what is now the Trabuco Ranger District of the Cleveland National Forest. This gesture harkens back to a time when condors soared over wildlands populated by pronghorn antelope and millions of wildflowers; grizzlies navigated the old-growth chaparral to find perennial streams filled with wild trout; and jaguars roamed the deep canyons of the region's diverse landscape. It's time we secure that heritage and preserve **the jewel of Southern California's coastal mountain range.**

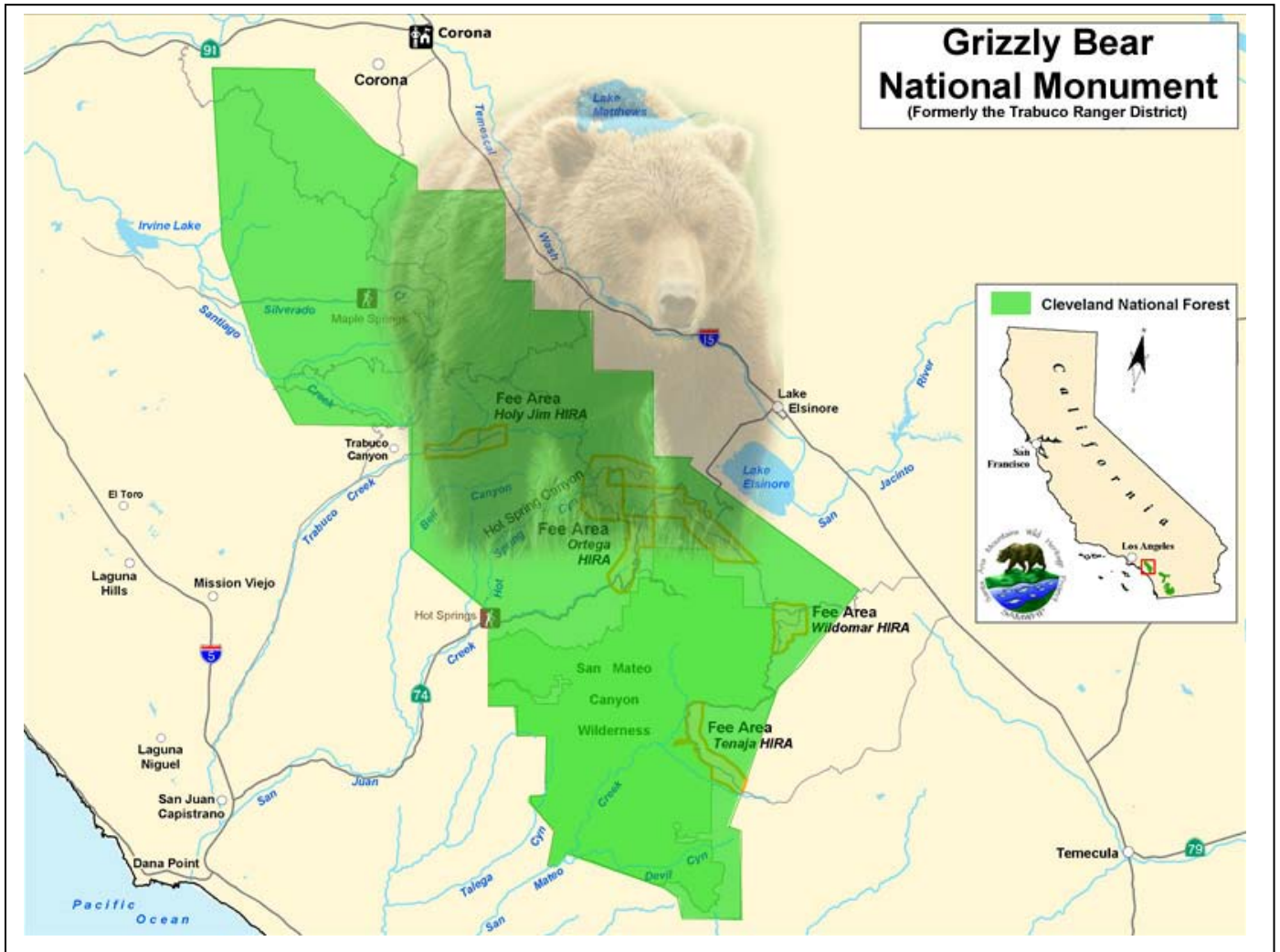
The Grizzly Bear National Monument will:

- Allow the public to finally have a chance to understand and celebrate the significance of the chaparral ecosystem and the role the California grizzly bear played in the state's colorful history.
- Shift management away from favoring resource extraction and development to outdoor recreation, education, and habitat conservation.



The chaparral of Trabuco Canyon where the last California grizzly bear in Southern California was killed in 1908.

- Boost eco-tourism opportunities for Orange, Riverside, and San Diego Counties.
- Act as a source of pride for local residents.
- Preserve the rural equestrian lifestyle and opportunities for hiking and biking through acknowledgement, accommodation, and access.
- Protect historic treasures such as Silverado Canyon, Glen Ivy, and Native American cultural sites.
- Increase outdoor recreation opportunities and protect valuable natural resources.
- Secure a vast sanctuary for communities to educate our children and all future generations.
- Establish the importance of California's unique chaparral ecosystem and its ties to the grizzly bear.



For additional information, please contact the
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The Grizzly Bear National Monument is part of a larger plan to protect what's left of California's fragile chaparral ecosystem. For complete details, please read The Chaparral Preservation Plan available here: www.californiachaparral.org/chappreservationplan.html