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BURTON OMNIBUS WILD RIVERS BILL - Including Stanislaus River - To Be Heard in House Subcommittee August 18 - in Full House and Senate Soon Thereafter

UPDATE: We Can Win!

Congress members Don Edwards (San Jose) and Pete Stark (Oakland) floated through the Stanislaus River Canyon on July 17. At the end of the trip they joined a crowd to begin the re-seeding and restoration of areas at Parrott's Ferry damaged earlier this year by the reservoir. Mr. Edwards told us we can get the votes for National Wild and Scenic River designation.

For the next eight weeks we must all get in touch with what the life of the Stanislaus River Canyon means — and re-double or triple our efforts to get the word out. Ninety percent of this campaign is asking others to help: asking your Congress member and Senator to vote with us; asking your friends to write; asking your newspaper to print your letter. Remember that we are working for the very existence of a living place, and for all the joy and spirit which its beauty gives to tens of thousands of people. Remember that our actions also affect all of the wild places which people love and refuse to give up, and play a big part in shaping a new national consciousness of caring for the earth and conservative and equitable use of resources.

We Can Win! Friends of the River in Los Angeles is calling the excitement and enthusiasm, which we can all convey, and the hard work which we need to put in for the next two months — **STANISLAUS FEVER**. The best way to catch it is to Get Together, like the folks in the pictures. Contact Friends of the River to join in.

Copies of the excellent Stanislaus River movie, "Parrott's Ferry is the Limit," are in demand. We will try to send you one if you can use it to rally support for the river.



Pro-Stanislaus Citizen Lobbying Group at office of Congressman John Burton, San Rafael.

Timing for Omnibus Bill

Congressman Phil Burton of San Francisco has prepared an Omnibus Wild and Scenic Rivers Bill. It will include National Wild and Scenic River status and protection for the Stanislaus River Canyon from Camp Nine to Parrott's Ferry, parts of Rose Creek and the South Fork of the Stanislaus, as well

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Probable Rivers in BURTON OMNIBUS BILL -

Proposed for immediate Wild and Scenic designation (partial list):

Stanislaus — Camp Nine to Parrott's Ferry, plus parts of Rose Creek and South Fork Stanislaus

American — Nimbus Dam to Sacramento River (both in California)

North Umpqua and Illinois (both Oregon)

Proposed for study (partial list): Myakka, Little Peedee and St. Lucie Rivers (all Florida)

Timing for Omnibus Bill Cont.

as several other rivers around the nation.

The bill would allow a moderate reservoir extending to 808 feet — Parrott's Ferry — to be stored behind New Melones Dam.

The Burton Omnibus Wild Rivers Bill has not been assigned a number yet, but it takes the place of HR 4223 (Edwards).

It includes the same compromise: "A working dam and a wild river."

It is very likely that the bill will be heard in the House National Parks Subcommittee in Washington on August 18 or 19. The bill must pass subcommittee, committee and floor votes in both the House and Senate — a total of six voting sessions. This must happen before Congress adjourns in early October. President Carter called the Stanislaus "one of the most beautiful rivers in the world" and promised to sign into law the bill for the Stanislaus, if it passes.

Congressman Burton, who is chairman of the National Parks Subcommittee, says the bill has enough votes to pass in the subcommittee and in the full Interior Committee approximately a week later.

However, the size of the margin of the votes in the subcommittee and committee has a strong affect on how the vote on the House floor will go. (For this reason, committee members, especially Don Clausen and Robert Lagomarsino, are still key, immediate targets.)

When the bill reaches the House floor, tentatively around September 8, the opposition may introduce an amendment to remove the Stanislaus from the list of rivers in the bill. A floor vote on such an amendment would be the critical decision for the Stanislaus River Canyon. Once amendments have been voted on, the Burton Omnibus Wild Rivers Bill, whether it has been modified or left unchanged, will be voted on — and will likely pass. It then goes to the Senate where its journey may be somewhat easier.

Contact Friends of the River, if you can help!

Call collect, if necessary, and we'll put you in contact with your local coordinator.

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Pro-Stanislaus Citizen Lobbying Group at office of Congressman Bill Royer, San Mateo.

Other Help Needed

- **HELP ARRANGE LOCAL LOBBYING VISITS.** Or speak with your representatives when they are campaigning in your area. (Their campaign offices will tell you when.)

- **VOLUNTEER AT F.O.R. OFFICES** or at home. Help us create a blitz of letters before the various votes happen.

- **OBTAIN ENDORSEMENTS FOR THE BILL**, especially from businesses and elected officials. Get organizations which have already endorsed to send a follow-up letter. It took only one person to get the endorsements of presidential candidates John Anderson and Barry Commoner, only two to get the L.A. Times editorial endorsement. (Governor Brown's endorsement took a few more.)

- **WORK FULL TIME** for a week or more with an F.O.R. organizer getting support in key areas.

- **JOIN FRIENDS OF THE RIVER**, or make a donation.

- **OR ASK FRIENDS TO JOIN OR DONATE.** Many will, but they must be asked. All the rivers need you in the information network, and the Stanislaus campaign needs the money. Larger tax-deductible donations for special projects can be made out to the Friends of the River Foundation.

Letters, Telegrams, Phone Calls, Visits

Your own U.S. Congress member and two U.S. Senators will be the most responsive to your views. If your Congress member is already a supporter, thank him or her and urge that they act to get their colleagues to vote for the bill.

You can urge other Congress members and Senators to support the Burton Omnibus Wild Rivers Bill - with the Stanislaus included. Tell them the upper Stanislaus is a national treasure and that a 16 mile reservoir to Parrott's Ferry is a good compromise. Tell them why you care and ask for their response.

In addition to your own letters, ask friends anywhere in the state or nation to do YOU a personal favor and write their Congress members and Senators. You can even draft letters or telegrams for them to write and send. Now is the time. Particularly target the crucial members listed at right.

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House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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DOUGLAS BEREUTER, Nebraska - east, including Lincoln
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ADDRESS: Senator _____
Senate Office Building
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Pro-Stanislaus Citizen Lobbying Group at office of Congressman Don Clausen, Santa Rosa.



At office of Congressman Dan Lungren, Long Beach.

Citizen Lobbying Teams

At about 4:30 p.m. on May 29, the groups in these pictures plus several others visited the local offices of their U.S. Congress members to ask them to vote for Wild River protection for the Stanislaus. It was an effective and powerful day. At each office we made our case to the Congress member or an aide, and while not all of them agreed to go along with our views, we impressed all of them that citizens are concerned, knowledgeable, committed and organized for the Stanislaus. And we cut through some of the 'mystery' of politics.

Groups not pictured lobbied at the offices of Rep. Clausen in Eureka, Rep. Miller in Pleasant Hill, Rep. Fazio in Davis, Rep. Matsui in Sacramento, Rep. Stark in Oakland, Rep. Mineta in San Jose, Rep. McCloskey in Palo Alto, Rep. Panetta in Santa Cruz, San Luis Obispo and Monterey, Rep. Lagomarsino in Ventura and Santa Maria, Rep. Goldwater in Woodland Hills, Rep. Corman in Van Nuys, Rep. Moorhead in Glendale, Rep. Grisham in Whittier, Rep. Johnson in Roseville, Rep. McCloskey in Palo Alto, and Rep. Phil Burton in San Francisco.

If you want to help set up or join another such visit in these last weeks before the vote, contact F.O.R. immediately. (Looks like fun, doesn't it?)

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☐ Here's \$ _____ for membership in F.O.R. (Dues are \$15 or more per year, \$10 for low-income.) Members receive our bi-monthly publication "Headwaters" plus alerts on river issues and announcements of F.O.R. events.

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PHONE _____

Return to: F.O.R., 401 San Miguel Way, Sacramento, CA 95819



At office of Congressman Norm Shumway, Stockton.



At office of Congressman Robert Lagomarsino, Santa Barbara.



At office of Congressman Ron Dellums, Oakland.

We ask everyone to go all out to pass the Burton Omnibus Wild Rivers Bill - which includes the Stanislaus. IT CAN WIN! But if it should not pass, remember that the bill is not the canyon. We do not intend to allow the destruction of the last of the Stanislaus. Let us know your ideas.

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