

## Congressman Tom McClintock: BAD for our Public Lands!

A number of organizations have recognized Tom McClintock (R-CA04) as being an enemy of public lands and the environment. His voting record confirms their assessment. For more information on this topic and sources, go to the blog post on the CCDCC website.

[McClintock is among a group of 15 congressmen designated as “Public Land Enemies” by the Center for Biological Diversity.](#)

The Center for Biological Diversity released a report today identifying the top 15 members of Congress trying to seize, destroy, dismantle and privatize America’s public lands. These “Public Land Enemies” are part of a growing movement to industrialize public lands for profit, including increased exploitation for oil and gas drilling, fracking, logging, mining and development.

[McClintock scores 0% on the National Environmental Scoreboard issued by the League of Conservation Voters for 2016. He voted for bills that would:](#)

- Repeal efforts to improve the management of public lands by increasing the participation of local stakeholders and engaging them earlier in the process.
- Undermine the ability of the Science Advisory Board to provide independent, objective, and credible scientific advice to the EPA. This legislation would allow industry to significantly prolong the scientific review process which would delay key public health and environmental protections
- Endanger public health by making it extremely difficult for the EPA to use the best available science. This legislation would result in less effective public health protections.

[McClintock co-sponsors bill that would be devastating to the forests he says he wants to protect.](#)

The Resilient Federal Forests Act is pro-industry and anti-environment, and seeks to eliminate public participation in federal decisions about forest management that could negatively impact local communities, ecological health and wildlife. From The Wilderness Society: this bill “would undermine important environmental laws and increase unsustainable logging in our national forests. The National Parks Conservation Association provides an excellent summary including: “Rather than promoting healthy forests, the bill encourages management actions that would threaten communities, wildlife, and clean water. ...This bill does not address the fundamental issues needed to protect communities from severe wildfires, fails to address wildfire funding at the U.S. Forest Service, and does not protect America’s forests or make them more resilient.”

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