

PUBLIC LANDS ENEMY #14



Rep. Tom McClintock (R-Calif.)

Sponsored Bills: 0; Cosponsored Bills: 24;

Total Possible Bills: 84

U.S. House of Representatives (2009-Present),

California's 4th District

Member, Committee on Natural Resources

Chairman, Subcommittee on Federal Lands

Member, Subcommittee on Water, Power, and Oceans

Between 2011 and 2016, Tom McClintock, whose district encompasses a large section of California's Sierra Nevada, cosponsored 25 of the 81 anti-public lands bills in the U.S. House of Representatives. With these cosponsorships, McClintock ranks Public Land Enemy #14.

One of the bills McClintock cosponsored, [H.R. 1526](#), under the guise of forest health, would mandate logging levels, increase clearcutting, interfere with an independent judiciary, severely limit citizen access to the courts, waive the public's ability to challenge damaging and illegal logging projects, and resurrect the failed system of tying county budgets to receipts from logging the national forests. [H.R. 2647](#), using the facade of a wildfire emergency, would undermine environmental protections and bedrock environmental laws.

McClintock also supported [H.R. 1294](#), [H.R. 6009](#), [H.R. 818](#) and [H.R. 6089](#) — bills that would cede management authority over national forests to states while weakening or eliminating the public-input process and protections for wildlife and streams.

For the 2016 election, tied for McClintock's [biggest donor was Koch Industries](#), and over the course of his career, [Occidental Petroleum](#) has been his number-three supporter. The congressman denies climate change — an issue that has grave consequences for public lands — having said, “Droughts are nature's fault and they are beyond our control. Water shortages, on the other hand, are our fault.”³⁸ McClintock has called some environmental protections “unrealistic laws” and argued that they should be undermined in order to “accommodate a new era of dam construction.”³⁹

³⁸ <https://mcclintock.house.gov/newsroom/speeches/california-water-its-the-storage>

³⁹ <https://www.wsj.com/articles/SB10001424052702304547704579565622649474370>

Anti-Public Lands Bills Sponsored or Cosponsored by McClintock:

Bill Type	Sponsored	Cosponsored
Land Seizure Sale of Western Land (H.R. 1126) Public Lands Sale for “Recreation” (H.R. 5836) Weakens Grazing Management (H.R. 657)		X X X
Private/County/State Control of Public Lands End BLM/USFS Law Enforcement (H.R. 4751) Weakens RS 2477 Rules (H.R. 4313) Local Control of Public Land Access (H.R. 1555) Local Control of Public Land Access (H.R. 4272) State Control, Fisheries and Hunters (H.R. 2406) Community Forest Demo Areas (H.R. 1294) State Beetle Kill Timber Projects (H.R. 818) State Beetle Kill Timber Projects (H.R. 6089) Community Forest Demo Areas (H.R. 6009)		X X X X X X X X X
Weakening Federal Protections Remove Wilderness Management (H.R. 1581) Weakens Grazing Management (H.R. 4234) Logging Priority on Forests (H.R. 1526) Timber Over Forest Conservation (H.R. 2647)		X X X X
No More Parks, Monuments, Refuges Limiting New Wildlife Refuges (H.R. 638) New Monument Nullification (H.R. 2192) No New Monuments (H.R. 302) No New Monuments [H.R. 758 (2011)] Limiting New Marine Monuments (H.R. 4988) No New Monuments (H.R. 250) State Monument Approval (H.R. 382) No New Monuments (H.R. 817)		X X X X X X X X

Campaign Contributors ([2016 Election](#), as of December 2016, source: Center for Responsive Politics):

- Oil & Gas Industry:
 - \$15,500
- Energy & Natural Resources Sector:
 - \$29,700
- Major Funders (in McClintock’s Top 100 Contributors, 2016 Election):
 - **Oil & Gas:** Vaquero Energy (\$2,700), Independent Petroleum Assn. of America (\$2,500), Occidental Petroleum (\$2,000), Tesoro Corp. (\$1,500)
 - **Logging:** Sierra Pacific Industries (\$3,000), American Forest Resource Council (\$2,000), Barnum Timber Co. (\$1,500)

- **Grazing:** National Cattleman's Beef Assn. (\$2,500)
- **Mining:** National Stone, Sand & Gravel Assn. (\$2,000)
- **Conglomerates:** Koch Industries (\$10,000), Honeywell International (\$9,000)

League of Conservation Voters National Environmental Scorecard:

[Lifetime](#): 5 percent