

Congressman Huffman introduces bill to support Trinity economy, recreation

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Recently, Representative Jared Huffman (D-San Rafael) introduced bipartisan legislation along with Representative Doug LaMalfa (R-Richvale) to extend the authority of the Shasta-Trinity National Forest to collect and retain marina fees to enhance recreation and improve access at the Shasta-Trinity National Recreation Area.

“The Shasta-Trinity National Recreation Area is not only a fundamental part of our region’s identity, it’s a critical economic driver in my district. The ability to retain marina fees is necessary to support the growing outdoor recreation sector. I’ve worked to make sure the Recreation Area has this authority through the yearly funding bills, but it’s time for a more permanent solution. This bill is an important piece of legislation for Trinity County, its residents, economy, and the many visitors it welcomes every year,” said Rep. Huffman.

The authority to collect and retain fees is critical for the Shasta-Trinity National Recreation Area, which manages 212,000 acres, including 48,480 lake surface areas and 12 highly developed commercial marinas.

Marina fees are invested in recreation enhancement projects such as boat ramp improvements, boating and water safety public service announcements, improved access to the lakes for persons with disabilities, floating restrooms, and educational programs. The bill extends the fee retention authority to Fiscal Year 2029.

Rep. Huffman has also worked with Rep. LaMalfa to include language in appropriations bills to extend the fee retention authority after it previously expired.