

Given your interest in federal land management, I wanted to inform you about testimony I recently offered before the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands in favor of land exchange legislation that I have introduced, [H.R. 1237](#) . This bill would allow the Trinity County Public Utilities District (TPUD) to exchange some of the parcels they own with parcels currently administered by the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service. The land exchange would allow TPUD to maximize the economic value of land they own near the Weaverville Airport and enhance job opportunities in the community.

Our communities in Northern California face significant economic challenges because of the amount of land the federal government owns. I strongly believe that these resources belong to the people and that local needs should drive their management. Common-sense land exchanges like H.R. 1237 would have the two-fold benefit of making federal land management more efficient while providing local communities with greater access to their natural resources. I am hopeful that the full House of Representatives will consider this commonsense legislation, and I will continue to strongly support eliminating bureaucratic red tape, improving land management and promoting wide and varied use of our federal lands in Northern California.

You can watch my testimony [here](#) as well as read a transcript [here](#) .