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CONCERNING  
H.R. 5194- Mt. Andrea Lawrence Designation Act of 2010

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Subcommittee, thank you for the opportunity to present the views of the U.S. Department of Agriculture on H.R. 5194, the Mt. Andrea Lawrence Designation Act of 2010. We have consulted with the U. S. Department of the Interior – National Park Service in the preparation of this statement.

**H.R. 5194 – Mt. Andrea Lawrence Designation Act of 2010**

This legislation directs the designation of an unnamed 12,240 foot peak, located on the boundary between Ansel Adams Wilderness Area and Yosemite National Park approximately six tenths miles (0.6) northeast of Donahue Peak, as “Mt. Andrea Lawrence.” The management of the proposed Mt. Andrea Lawrence is shared between the Inyo National Forest and Yosemite National Park.

Ms. Lawrence was a successful Olympic athlete and a committed public servant, having served 16-years on the Mono County Board of Supervisors and founded the Andrea Lawrence Institute for Mountains and Rivers. She was a strong supporter of the work of the Inyo National Forest and Yosemite National Park. She worked tirelessly to protect the health and vitality of the environment and economies in the Eastern Sierra and the Sierra Nevada Region as a whole. Ms. Lawrence passed away at the age of 76 on March 31, 2009.

The Department has no objection to the enactment of H.R. 5194 and notes that it would have no adverse impact to the management of the Inyo National Forest, or the Ansel Adams Wilderness.

However, the Board on Geographic Names was created by Congress in 1947 to establish and maintain uniform geographic name usage throughout the Federal Government. It is Board policy not to consider names that commemorate living persons. In addition, a person must be deceased at least 5-years before a commemorative proposal will be considered. In accordance with the Board's interpretation of Wilderness Act of 1964, the Board on Geographic Names discourages naming features in Congressionally designated wilderness areas unless an overriding need can be

demonstrated. Although the Department does not have any objections to the enactment of HR 5194, maintaining consistency with the longstanding policies of the Board on Geographic Names is recommended.

The Department recognizes the contributions of Ms. Lawrence to both the United States and California, and concurs with the principles embodied in the legislation. Should the legislation be enacted, the Forest Service would work to ensure that our visitor information maps reflect the new designation, and understand that the National Park Service would do the same when their maps, signs, and other informational materials are replaced or updated

This concludes my statement, I would be happy to answer any questions that you may have.