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Rep. Kirkpatrick Introduces Legislation to Take Next Step on National Scenic Area Designation for Red Rocks

SEDONA, AZ – After a careful review of responses and proposed revisions to draft language for a bill to designate the Red Rock lands around Sedona as a National Scenic Area, Representative Ann Kirkpatrick is taking the next step towards securing that designation. She today introduced the Sedona-Red Rock National Scenic Area Act of 2010.

Rep. Kirkpatrick has been discussing the best approach to this issue since before her election, and has been dedicated to getting feedback from the community. She submitted draft legislation to interested stakeholders and community members in October to get their comments, and her staff met with a variety of individuals and organizations to discuss what should be done. The United States Forest Service, the Sedona City Council, the Sedona Chamber of Commerce, the Sedona-Red Rock Scenic Area Coalition, the Sedona-Verde Valley Association of Realtors, the Roman Catholic Diocese of Phoenix, small business owners and concerned citizens all provided valuable comments and edits to the text of the proposed bill.

“I have always felt that good ideas and good policy come from the people, and I want to make sure that folks here are able to make their voices heard,” said Rep. Kirkpatrick. **“I appreciate the contributions of all those who have offered their thoughts on this bill, and I look forward to working with them as the legislative process moves forward.”**

The Congresswoman is working hard to craft legislation that creates jobs and grows the local economy while preserving the area's natural resources and environment. She feels that the input of folks both in favor of and opposed to the proposal made the bill stronger.

“This conversation will continue, and I encourage the community to stay engaged and keep providing feedback,” said Rep. Kirkpatrick. **“I am going to do everything I can to make sure this issue is resolved in a way that truly meets the needs of Sedona and the entire region.”**

The bill is H.R. 4823, and the full text is attached to this e-mail.

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